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HAPPENED
TO ME? I'M...
SHRINKING!

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The DOME of DOOM!

IS...IS
THAT WHERE
YOU'RE
TAKING
ME?

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CORRECT! IT
DOESN'T LOOK LIKE
MUCH FROM HERE...
BUT WAIT UNTIL
WE GET INSIDE
THE DOME!

A BARREN PLANET--DEVOID OF
LIFE OR MOVEMENT! NOT A FISH
SWAM IN ITS SEAS--NOT A BIRD
BEAT ITS WINGS THROUGH THE
DEADLY ATMOSPHERE! BUT BENEATH
THE STRANGE TRANSPARENT
DOME LAY A FEARFUL MENACE
...A MENACE WHICH THREATENED
THE EXISTENCE OF
EARTH ITSELF!

AT 6:30
SHARP, AS
USUAL, CHALMERS
ENTERED INTO THE BED-
ROOM OF HIS
LONGTIME
EMPLOYER...

TIME TO
GET UP, SIR!
...GOOD GRIEF,
THERE'S A
DUMMY IN
HIS BED!

THE ASTOUNDED BUTLER INSTANTLY SUMMONED THE
CAPTAIN OF THE GUARDS...

HE...HE'S BEEN KIDNAPPED!
W-WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO?

DR. THURSTON COULDN'T HAVE
LEFT THE HOUSE WITHOUT
BEING SEEN! YOU KNOW
HOW WELL THIS PLACE
IS SURROUNDED!

BEFORE INFORMING THE WHITE HOUSE, THE ENTIRE BUILDING AND GROUNDS WERE FRANTICALLY SEARCHED...

NOBODY ENTERED OR LEFT THE PLACE ALL NIGHT, SIR! A MOSQUITO COULDN'T GET IN OR OUT WITHOUT US KNOWING!

THAT'S WHAT YOU THINK! THURSTON'S GONE! GREAT SCOTT, YOU REALIZE WHAT THIS MAY MEAN?



WITHIN THE HOUR, A SCORE OF TOP-LEVEL CIVILIAN AND MILITARY OFFICIALS HAD GATHERED IN THE CAPITOL...

THURSTON KNOWS MORE THAN ANY MAN ALIVE ABOUT THE DEFENSES OF THIS COUNTRY! IF HE'S BEEN KIDNAPPED, WE'RE IN SERIOUS TROUBLE!

A MAN LIKE THAT COULDN'T BE SPIRITED AWAY UNDER THE NOSES OF THE GUARDS! HE COULDN'T BE GOTTEN OUT OF THE COUNTRY!



MAYBE HE SNEAKED OUT OF HIS OWN FREE WILL! MAYBE HE'S TAKEN WHAT HE KNOWS TO THE OTHER SIDE!

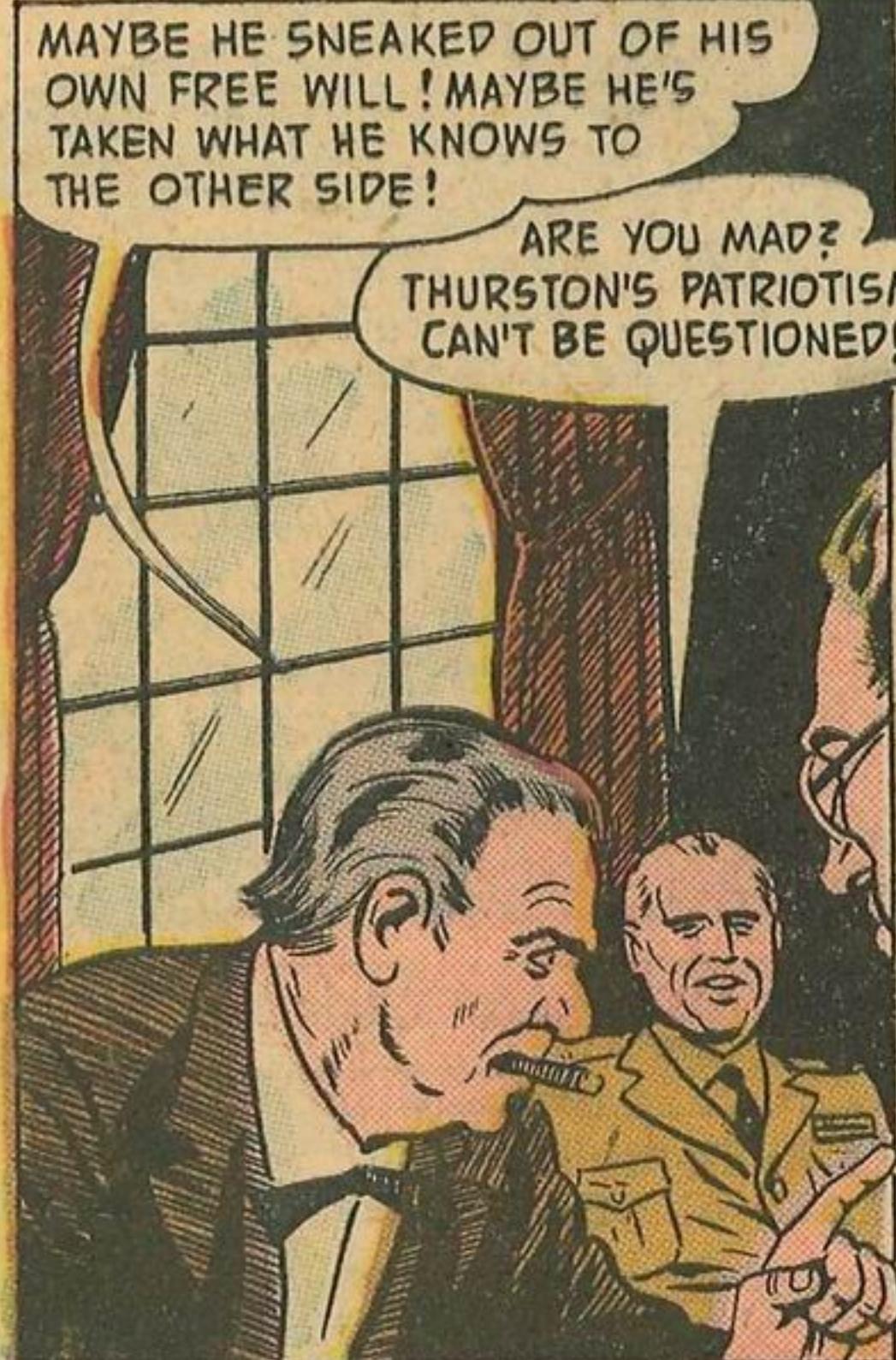
ARE YOU MAD? THURSTON'S PATRIOTISM CAN'T BE QUESTIONED!

GENTLEMEN, THIS WILL GET US NOWHERE! WE MUST TAKE STEPS! I'M ALERTING OUR ESPIONAGE SYSTEM AROUND THE WORLD! WE'VE GOT TO FIND OUT WHERE HE IS AT ALL COSTS! THE SAFETY OF THE FREE WORLD MAY WELL DEPEND ON IT!

WHILE HURRIED SECRET ORDERS WERE SHORT-WAVED OUT OF WASHINGTON TO AMERICAN AGENTS EVERYWHERE, THE OBJECT OF THE SEARCH WAS ALREADY BEYOND REACH...

WHATEVER YOUR MOTIVES, YOU'RE WASTING YOUR TIME!

WE'RE THE BEST JUDGES OF THAT, DR. THURSTON!



WHY HAVE YOU KIDNAPPED ME? WHERE ARE WE GOING?

PATIENCE, MY DEAR SIR! YOU WILL KNOW EVERYTHING WHEN WE REACH OUR... DESTINATION!



DR. THURSTON APPEARED OUTWARDLY CALM, BUT AS THE ROCKET HURTLED SILENTLY THROUGH THE BLACK REACHES OF SPACE, HIS BRILLIANT MIND WORKED CEASELESSLY...

I ALWAYS THOUGHT THERE MIGHT BE LIFE ON OTHER PLANETS... BUT I NEVER EXPECTED TO FIND OUT FOR SURE! WHOEVER THESE PEOPLE ARE, THEY POSE AN AWFUL THREAT TO HUMANITY ON EARTH!



WITH NEITHER DAY NOR NIGHT TO WITNESS, HE SOON LOST TRACK OF TIME! AT LAST...

THERE IT IS, DOCTOR! OUR HOME... MOPONTAI!

AS THE ROCKET DIMINISHED SPEED...

GREAT HEAVENS, THE PLACE LOOKS AS BARREN AS THE SURFACE OF THE MOON! I... I SEE WATER... BUT NO VEGETATION!

NOTHING CAN LIVE DOWN THERE ANY MORE, DOCTOR! THE ATMOSPHERE AND WATER ARE CONTAMINATED BY RADIOACTIVITY!

I... I DON'T UNDERSTAND! WHERE DO YOU PEOPLE LIVE?

YOU'LL FIND OUT IN A MOMENT! YOU SEE, ONCE OUR PLANET WAS AS LOVELY AS YOURS... TILL ATOMIC WARS MADE IT UNLIVABLE! THAT'S WHY WE MUST GO ELSEWHERE!

I WAS BEGINNING TO THINK WE'D NEVER GET THERE!

MOMENTS LATER, AN IMMENSE GLASS DOME CAME INTO VIEW! THE ROCKET CUT ITS MOTORS, HOVERED IN AIR, WAITING...

THEY'VE OPENED THE HATCH, COMMANDER!

GOOD! NOW BE CAREFUL ENTERING... VERY CAREFUL!

AT BARELY CREEPING SPEED, THE ROCKET DESCENDED! HATCH AFTER HATCH FOLLOWED, UNTIL...

WHAT THE...! CAN I BELIEVE MY EYES?

YOU CAN, MY DEAR SIR! YOU SEE, THERE IS LIFE ON THE PLANET, UNDER THE TRITHORIUM DOME! IT'S ALL WE CAN DO TO KEEP THE AIR AND WATER PURE DOWN HERE... BUT WE'VE BEEN MANAGING!

ON A NEARBY AIRFIELD, AN IMPORTANT GROUP AWAITED THE LANDING...

HERE HE IS, EXCELLENCY... DR. ROBERT THURSTON!

GOOD WORK! LET'S GO AT ONCE TO THE MINISTRY OF CONQUEST!

MINISTRY OF CONQUEST... THURSTON SHUDDERED AT THE SOUND! MOMENTS LATER...

I'M IN YOUR POWER, BUT WHATEVER IT IS YOU WANT OF ME, I ASSURE YOU I'M NO TRAITOR TO MY COUNTRY!

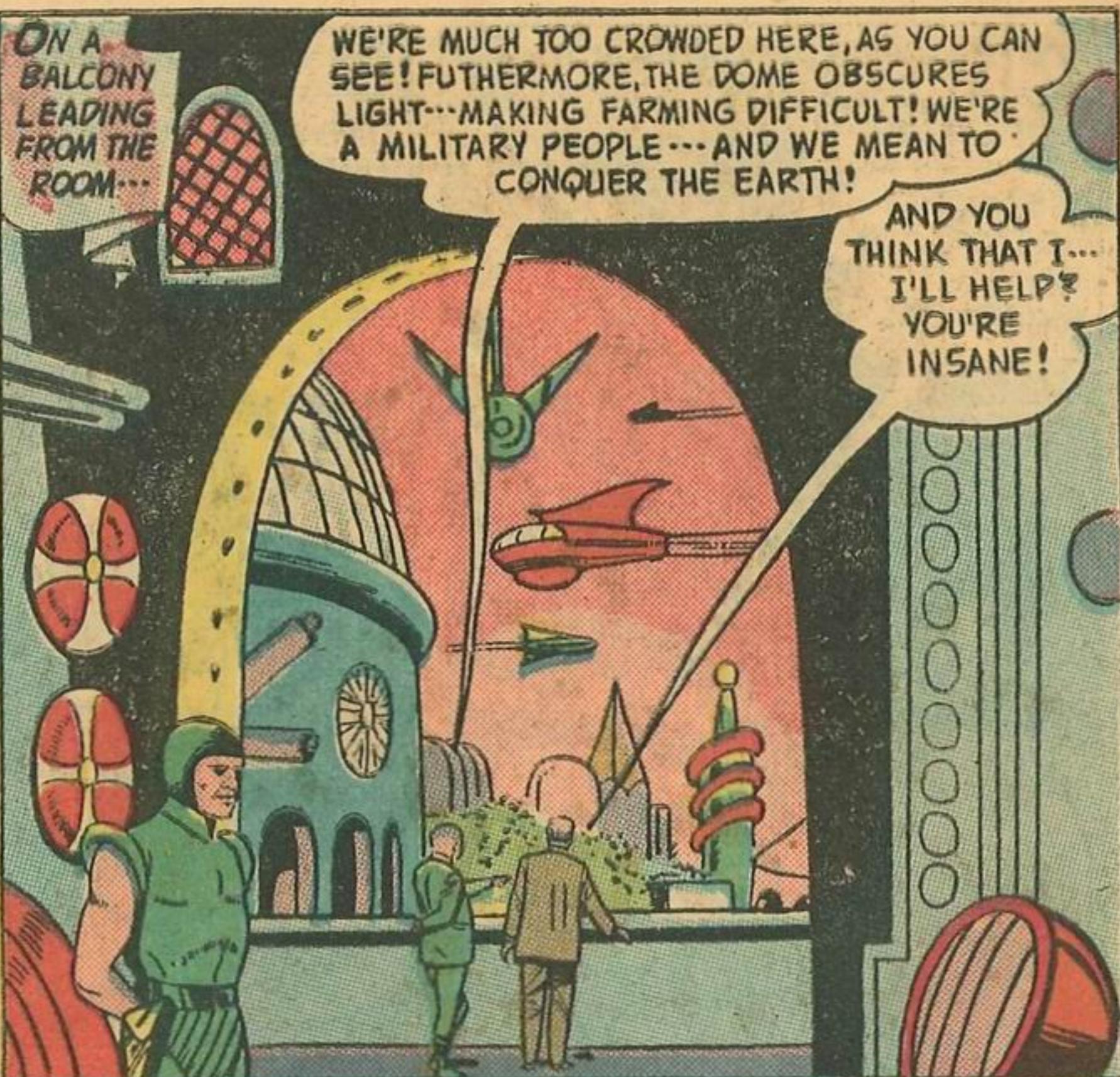
I SEE YOU'VE GUESSED OUR PURPOSE ALREADY! YOU'LL HAVE TO COOPERATE WITH US... YOU HAVE NO CHOICE!

WE ARE MASTERS OF MORPONTA... ALL OUR ENEMIES ARE DESTROYED! BUT OUR ATOMIC WARS HAVE RUINED THE PLANET... ONLY THE TRITHORIUM DOME KEEPS THE RADIOACTIVE ATMOSPHERE OUT... A DOME WE BUILT JUST IN TIME!

ON A BALCONY LEADING FROM THE ROOM...

WE'RE MUCH TOO CROWDED HERE, AS YOU CAN SEE! FUTHERMORE, THE DOME OBSCURES LIGHT... MAKING FARMING DIFFICULT! WE'RE A MILITARY PEOPLE... AND WE MEAN TO CONQUER THE EARTH!

AND YOU THINK THAT I... I'LL HELP? YOU'RE INSANE!



AS OF THIS MOMENT, EARTH IS DOOMED! YOU CAN DECIDE WHETHER WE SHALL HAVE TO DESTROY MILLIONS, OR WIN IN ONE KNOCKOUT BLOW THAT CAUSES LITTLE DESTRUCTION! YOU SEE, WE'D LIKE TO LEAVE THE EARTH IN AS GOOD SHAPE AS POSSIBLE!

YOU'RE WASTING YOUR TIME! YOU'LL GET NOTHING FROM ME!

DON'T FORCE US TO USE STERN METHODS! YOU'LL TELL US WHAT WE WANT TO KNOW... OR ELSE...

GREAT SCOTT, WHAT CAN I DO? THESE PEOPLE ARE MORAL SAVAGES... THEY'LL STOP AT NOTHING!



WELL? WE'RE WAITING!

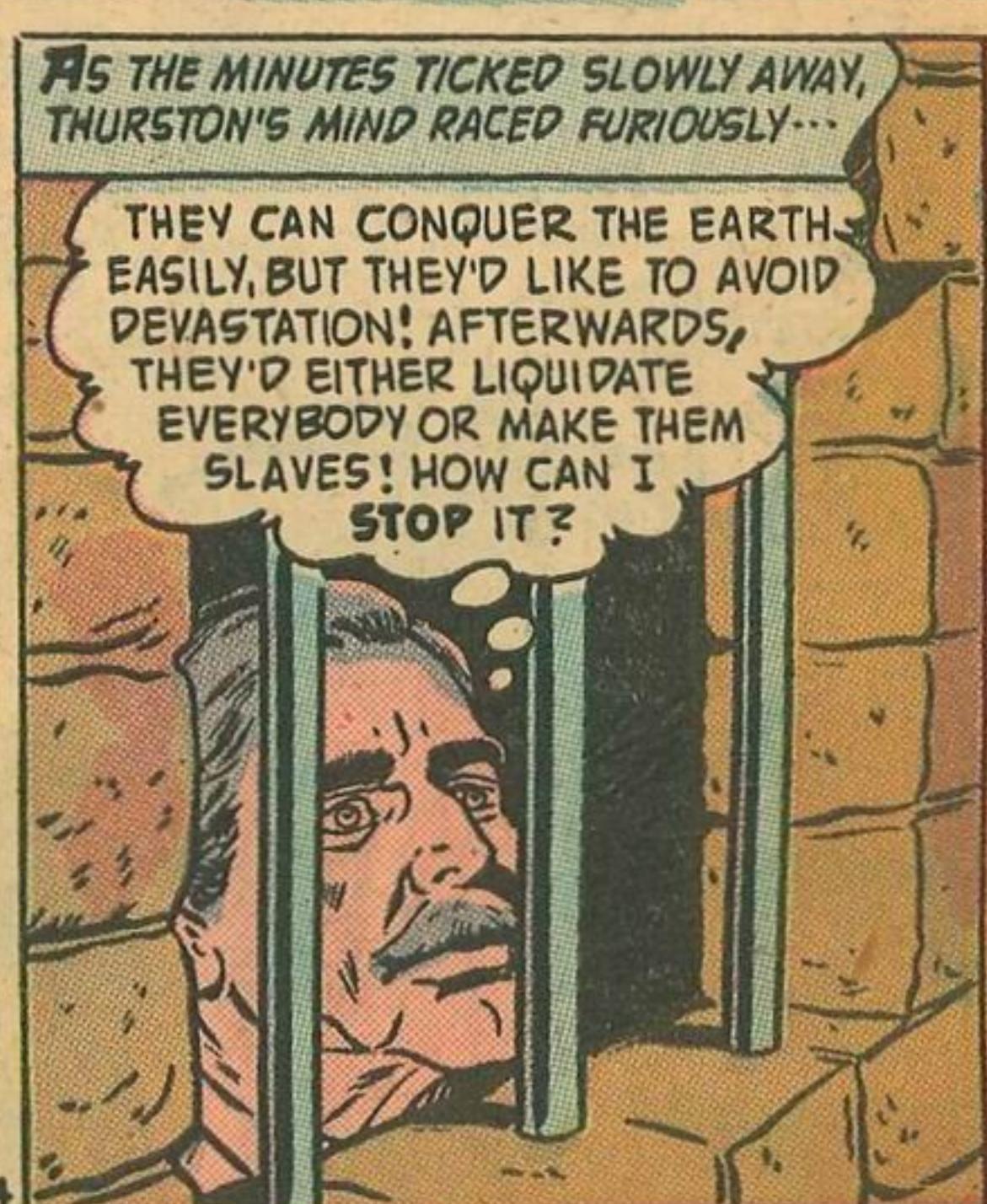
I'D LIKE AN HOUR TO THINK THIS OVER... IN PRIVATE!

YOU SHALL HAVE ONE HOUR... EXACTLY! DON'T TRY TO ESCAPE... IT WOULD BE POINTLESS!

DO YOU THINK ME A FOOL? I KNOW I'LL BE WATCHED AT EVERY MOMENT!

AS THE MINUTES TICKED SLOWLY AWAY, THURSTON'S MIND RACED FURIOUSLY...

THEY CAN CONQUER THE EARTH EASILY, BUT THEY'D LIKE TO AVOID DEVASTATION! AFTERWARDS, THEY'D EITHER LIQUIDATE EVERYBODY OR MAKE THEM SLAVES! HOW CAN I STOP IT?



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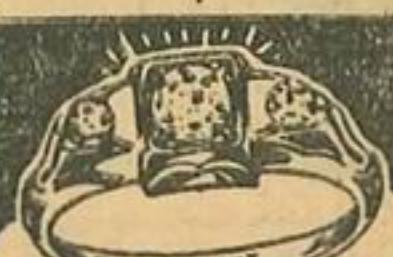
169. Ladies' engagement ring. Large, simulated diamond, 2 smaller stones. 1/20 14Kt gold filled or 1/30 14Kt RGP or Sterling Silver.



156. Men's massive "Good Luck Horseshoe" ring. 4-leaf clover. White or yellow gold color effect.



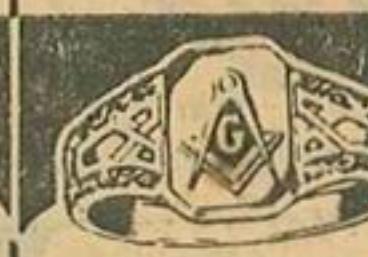
146. Ladies' dinner ring. Gorgeous, large simulated diamond and many smaller white or colored stones.



124. Very special! Ladies' solitaire ring with genuine Zircon, the nearest thing to a genuine diamond. With 2 side stones. 1/30 14Kt yellow gold mounting.



109. Men's signet ring with sparkling, simulated diamond. Heavy yellow gold color effect mounting.



112. Men's exquisite Masonic ring. Yellow gold color effect. Must be seen to be appreciated.



158. Men's Indian Chief's head ring. Yellow or white gold color effect. Also in boys' sizes. Ring comes also in imported, hand carved Corozo Nut.



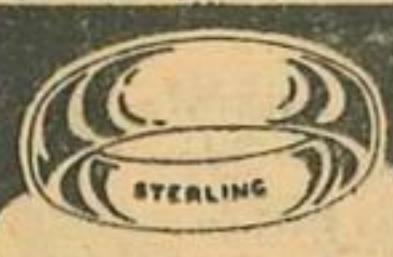
118. Ladies' Friendship forget-me-not and modern style wedding ring. 1/20 14Kt yellow gold filled or 12Kt gold plate or heavy Sterling Silver. Assorted designs.



10. Boys' and girls' signet ring. Yellow or white gold color effect or Sterling Silver.



157. Men's beautiful, heavy Cameo ring. Large 2-toned Cameo. Classic knight-in-armor and girl design. Yellow or white gold color effect.



44. Men's traditional wedding ring. Sterling Silver or yellow or white gold color effect.



162. Men's massive lion head ring. Large, simulated diamond in mouth, 2 smaller red stones in eyes.



115. Ladies' engagement ring. Large, brilliant, simulated diamond and many smaller stones. Unusual step design. Sterling Silver or yellow or white gold color effect.



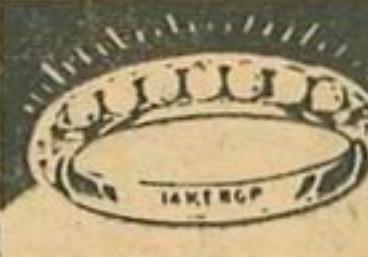
116. Ladies' exquisite wedding ring. 9 or 7 matching, simulated diamonds all around. Fishtail setting. Sterling Silver or yellow or white gold color effect.



163. Men's ring. Large, sparkling, simulated red ruby. 1/20 12Kt yellow gold filled or 1/30 14Kt RGP. Also white gold color effect.



171. Ladies' engagement ring. Large, brilliant, simulated diamond with 4 or 6 smaller side stones. 1/30 14Kt RGP.



170. Ladies' graceful wedding ring. 7 brilliant, good-sized, matching, simulated diamonds. 1/30 14Kt RGP.



127. Men's ring. Beautiful, large, about 4Kt-size, simulated red ruby stone. Stone comes in all colors. White gold color effect.



141. Ladies' cluster dinner ring. A beautiful gem. 7 or 12 brilliant, simulated diamonds. Center stone also in simulated red ruby. Pierced mounting. Sterling Silver or white gold color effect.



104. Ladies' gorgeous dinner ring. Large, brilliant, simulated center diamond, 6 medium-size and many smaller stones. Very rare with so many stones. Ring also comes in varying designs.



168. Ladies' exquisite engagement ring. 2 large, brilliant, simulated center diamonds, 2 or 4 matching side stones. Sterling Silver or 1/30 14Kt gold RGP.



42. Unique hand-clasp love & friendship ring. Comes apart to form 2 rings. Sterling Silver.



164. Men's massive veteran's discharge ring. Heavy Sterling Silver or yellow gold color effect.



73. Ladies' beautiful 2-toned Cameo ring. Yellow gold color effect.



160. Men's large square cut, simulated garnet ring. Yellow or white gold color effect.



152. Sweetheart ring. 2 simulated rubies on entwined hearts. Yellow gold color effect.



106. Men's solitaire ring. Large, brilliant 2Kt-size simulated diamond. Fine heavy mounting.



167. Ladies' exquisite cluster dinner ring. 3 large, simulated diamonds and many smaller stones. Sterling Silver or white gold color effect.



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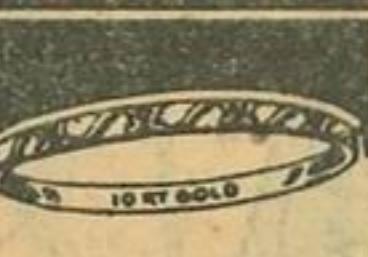


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154. Ladies' birthstone ring. Sparkling, square-cut, 1Kt to 4Kt-size simulated green emerald. Sterling Silver or white gold color effect. Stone comes in all colors.



151. Men's ring. Simulated red ruby in center, 2 simulated white diamonds. Yellow or white gold color effect. Also with 3 large white stones.



143. Men's U.S. Army insignia ring. Heavy Sterling Silver or yellow or white gold color effect.



145. Men's U.S. Navy insignia ring. Heavy Sterling Silver or yellow or white gold color effect.



146. Men's U.S. Marine Corps insignia ring. Heavy Sterling Silver or yellow or white gold color effect.



147. Men's U.S. Air Force insignia ring. Heavy Sterling Silver or yellow or white gold color effect.



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AS WAS HIS HABIT WHEN DEEP IN THOUGHT, HE PACED LIKE A CAGED ANIMAL...

IT ALL SEEMS LIKE SOME NIGHTMARE! I... I THOUGHT IT WAS ONLY A DREAM WHEN THEY WOKE ME UP...

HE REMEMBERED THAT FIRST AWFUL MOMENT...

GET UP, THURSTON... QUICK! DON'T SHOUT FOR HELP... IT WOULDN'T DO ANY GOOD!

WHAT THE...?

HOW... HOW DID YOU GET IN HERE? WHO ARE YOU?

SHUT UP AND GET DRESSED! PUT THE DUMMY IN THE BED, PREMM... IN CASE ANYBODY LOOKS IN HERE BEFORE MORNING!

AS THEY LED THE FAMED NUCLEAR THEORETICIAN OUT...

WH-WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH THE GUARDS? WHAT HAVE YOU DONE TO THEM?

WE'VE PARALYZED THEM TEMPORARILY! THEY'LL COME OUT OF IT IN ABOUT A HALF HOUR... WITHOUT ANY KNOWLEDGE OF WHAT'S HAPPENED TO THEM! NOBODY WILL KNOW WE'VE EVEN BEEN HERE!

OUTSIDE IT WAS THE SAME STORY...

IT'S... INCREDIBLE! I DIDN'T KNOW ANY NATION HAD SUCH WEAPONS!

YOU STILL DON'T UNDERSTAND, THURSTON! WE'RE FROM OUTER SPACE! RIGHT NOW WE'RE HEADING FOR THE SECRET ROCKET SITE!

THEY'VE HAD THEIR AGENTS ON EARTH FOR MONTHS... PLANNING THE INVASION! THEY WANT ME BECAUSE I KNOW MORE ABOUT AMERICAN AND RUSSIAN DEFENSES THAN ANY MAN ALIVE!

THE MOMENT THE HOUR WAS OVER...

ALL RIGHT, THURSTON... NO MORE STALLING! ARE YOU GOING TO COOPERATE OR MUST WE FORCE INFORMATION FROM YOU?

I... I'LL COOPERATE! I DON'T WANT TO SEE THE EARTH DESTROYED!



BEFORE THE
MORPONTA
MILITARY
CHIEFS...

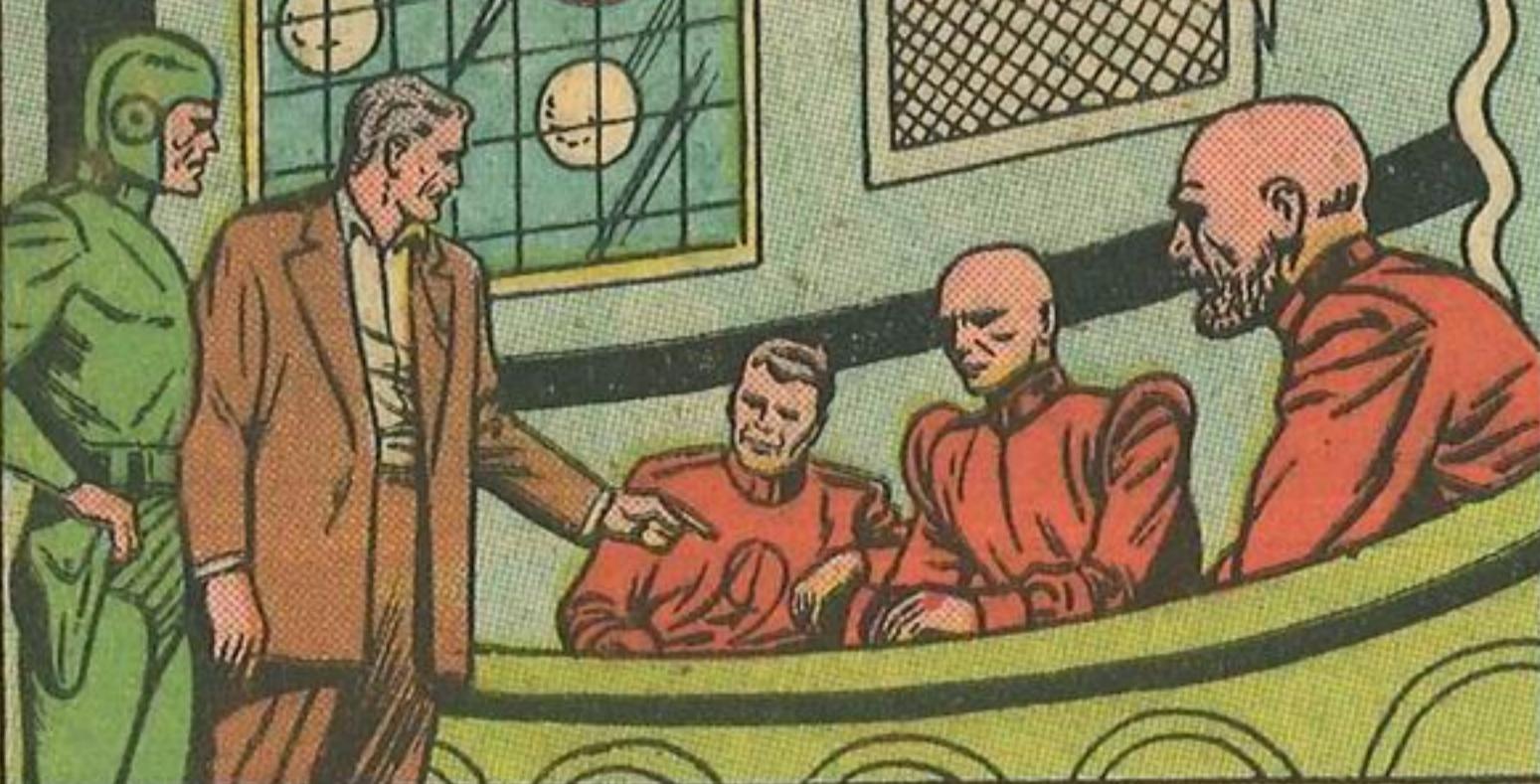
I CAN POINT OUT THE MAIN ROCKET
DEFENSES AND NUCLEAR STOCKPILES
IN MY COUNTRY! A SUDDEN ATTACK
WOULD LEAVE THE U.S. HELPLESS!
I...ER...I EXPECT TO BE...
REWARDED...FOR HELPING
YOU!

CERTAINLY! WE'LL
TREAT YOU WELL
AFTER THE
CONQUEST!

PROCEEDING IMMEDIATELY TO THE MAIN AIR FIELD...

OUR ROCKET ARMADA IS
WAITING ONLY FOR DETAILED
INFORMATION AS TO WHERE
TO STRIKE! WE'LL PINPOINT
THE DEFENSE LOCATIONS
AT ONCE!

LET'S
GO!



AGAIN THE
DELICATE
PROCESS OF
PASSING
THROUGH
THE DOME
TOOK
PLACE...

IT WILL BE PLEASANT
LIVING UNDER AN OPEN
SKY AGAIN! YOU'VE DONE
WELL TO THROW IN WITH
US, THURSTON!

WHAT ELSE
COULD I DO?
I'D RATHER
BE A LIVE
WINNER THAN
A DEAD
LOSER!

AS EARTH APPROACHED...

WE'LL HAVE TO GET CLOSER!
I'LL GIVE YOU THE EXACT
COORDINATES IN THE
WESTERN HEMISPHERE
AND EUROPE!

FINE! I'LL TACK THE
LOCATIONS ON OUR
MASTER MAP!

WHEN THE WORK WAS COMPLETE...

VERY GOOD, THURSTON!
WITH WHAT WE NOW
KNOW, YOUR FELLOW
EARTHLINGS WON'T
EVEN HAVE A CHANCE
TO DEFEND THEM-
SELVES!

IT'S BETTER
THAT WAY! I
PREFER AS
LITTLE VIOLENCE
AS POSSIBLE!

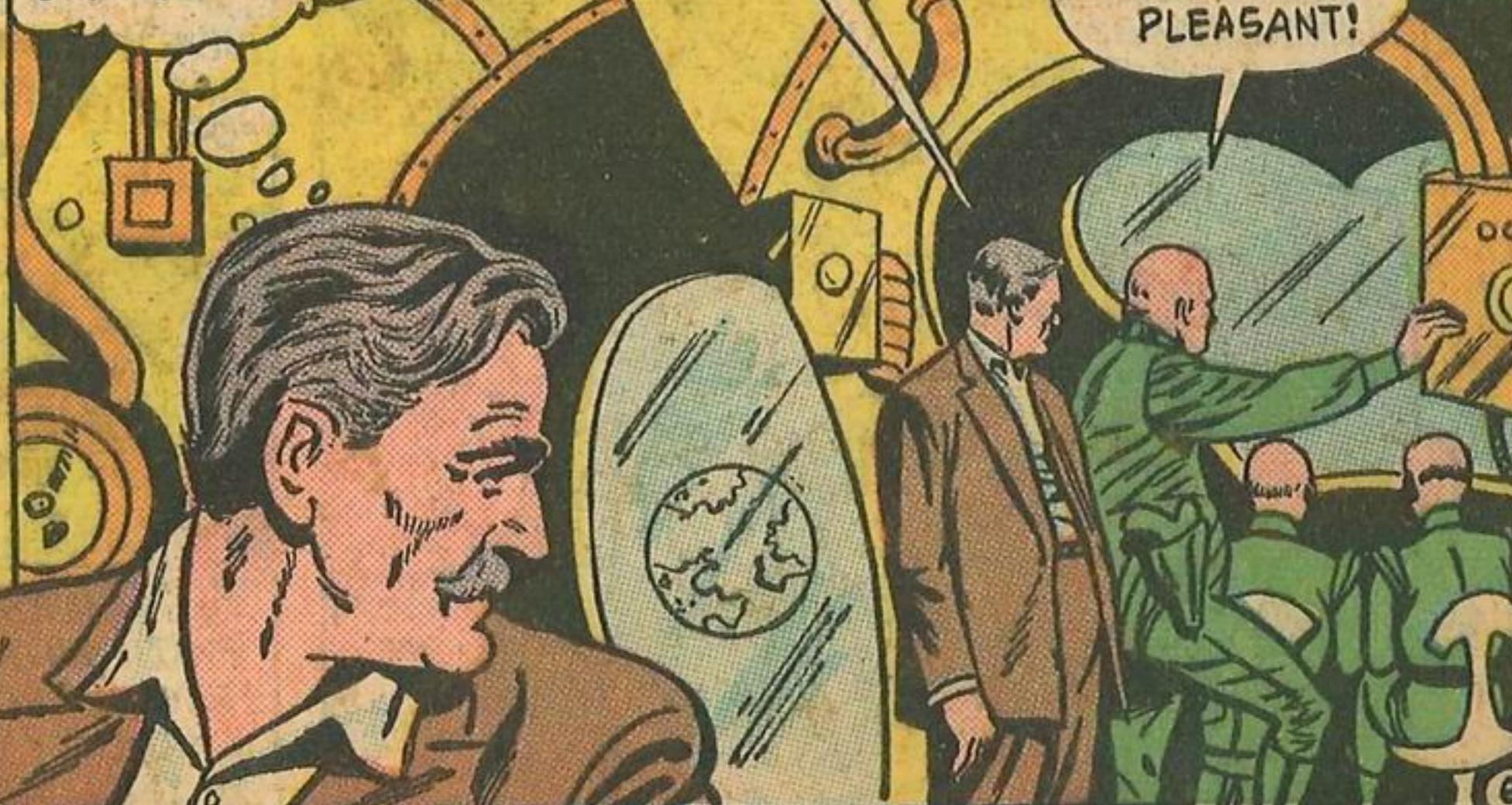
The ALIEN ROCKET TURNED
ABOUT AND STREAKED AWAY...

GOOD BYE, DEAR HOME-
LAND! I...I'LL NEVER SEE
YOU AGAIN! BUT AT LEAST
I HAVEN'T BETRAYED YOU
...THE INFORMATION I'VE
GIVEN THEM IS WORTHLESS!
NOW...ALL I CAN DO IS
WAIT FOR MY
CHANCE...

THURSTON'S HEART BEGAN TO POUND WITH
EXCITEMENT AS HE WAITED FOR WHAT HE
KNEW HE HAD TO DO...

JUST WHEN DO
YOU EXPECT TO
LAUNCH THE
ROCKETS?

IN TWO OR
THREE DAYS! WE'RE
ALL VERY ANXIOUS TO
EVACUATE MORPONTA
AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!
LIVING UNDER THE
SHADOW OF DEADLY
RADIO-ACTIVE CLOUDS
HASN'T BEEN
PLEASANT!



HE HAD DECIDED IN ADVANCE THE EXACT MOMENT FOR HIM TO ACT! NOW, IT HAD ARRIVED...

THEY'VE OPENED THE HATCH, EXCELLENCY!

THIS IS IT! THEY'RE ALL CONCENTRATING ON THE DELICATE OPERATION AHEAD! OKAY -- NOW!

WITH A SUDDEN PRECISE MOTION, HE SEIZED THE WEAPON, INSTANTLY USED IT...

STOP HIM! NO... AHHHH!

AAGHH!



BEFORE THE OTHER ASTOUNDED CREW MEMBERS COULD GATHER THEIR SENSES, THURSTON HAD SEIZED THE CONTROLS IN A DEATH GRIP...

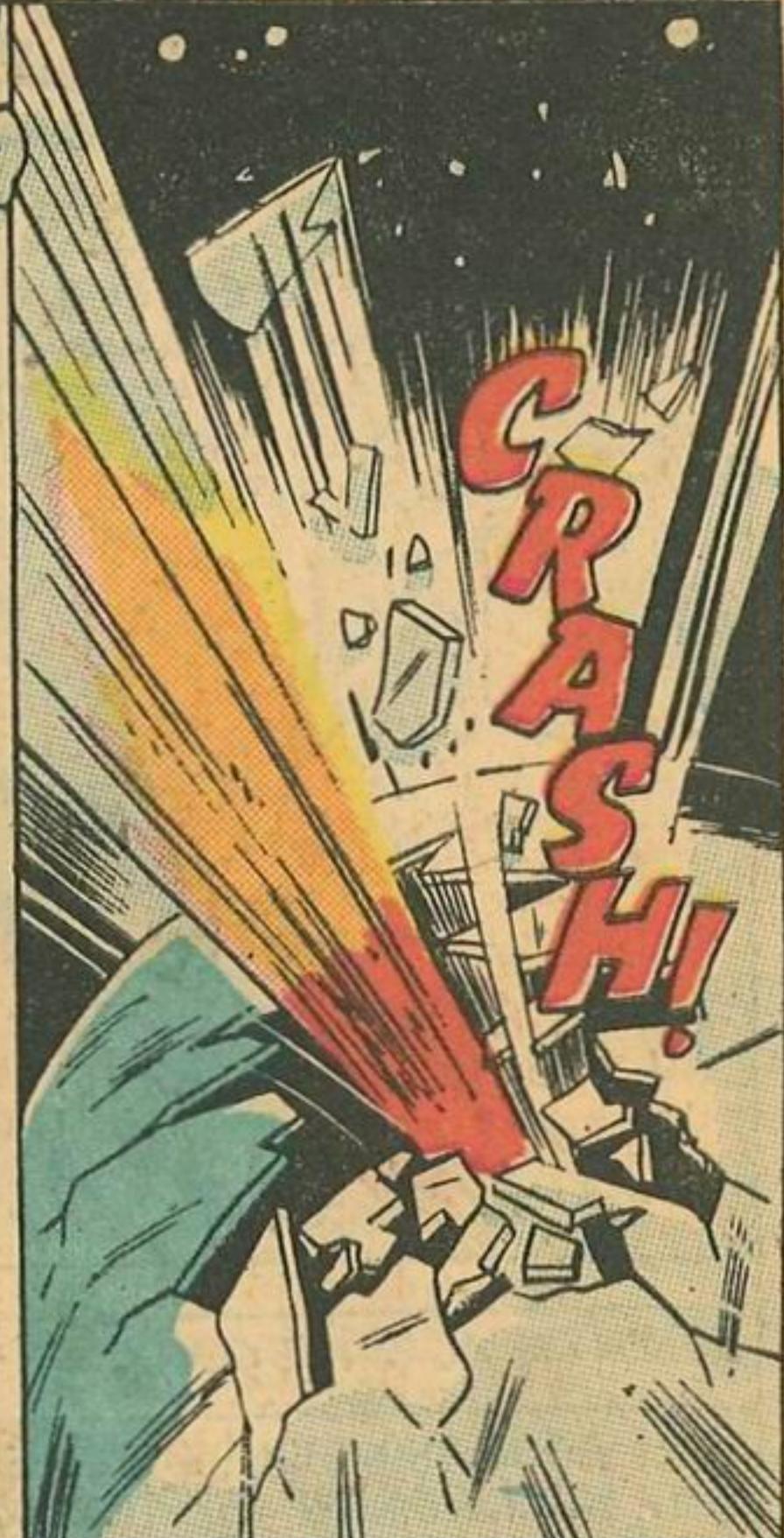
GRAB HIM BEFORE HE...

HERE GOES... FULL SPEED AHEAD!

THE IMMENSE TRITHORIUM DOME LOOMED HUGE AS HE WENT INTO THE POWER DIVE...

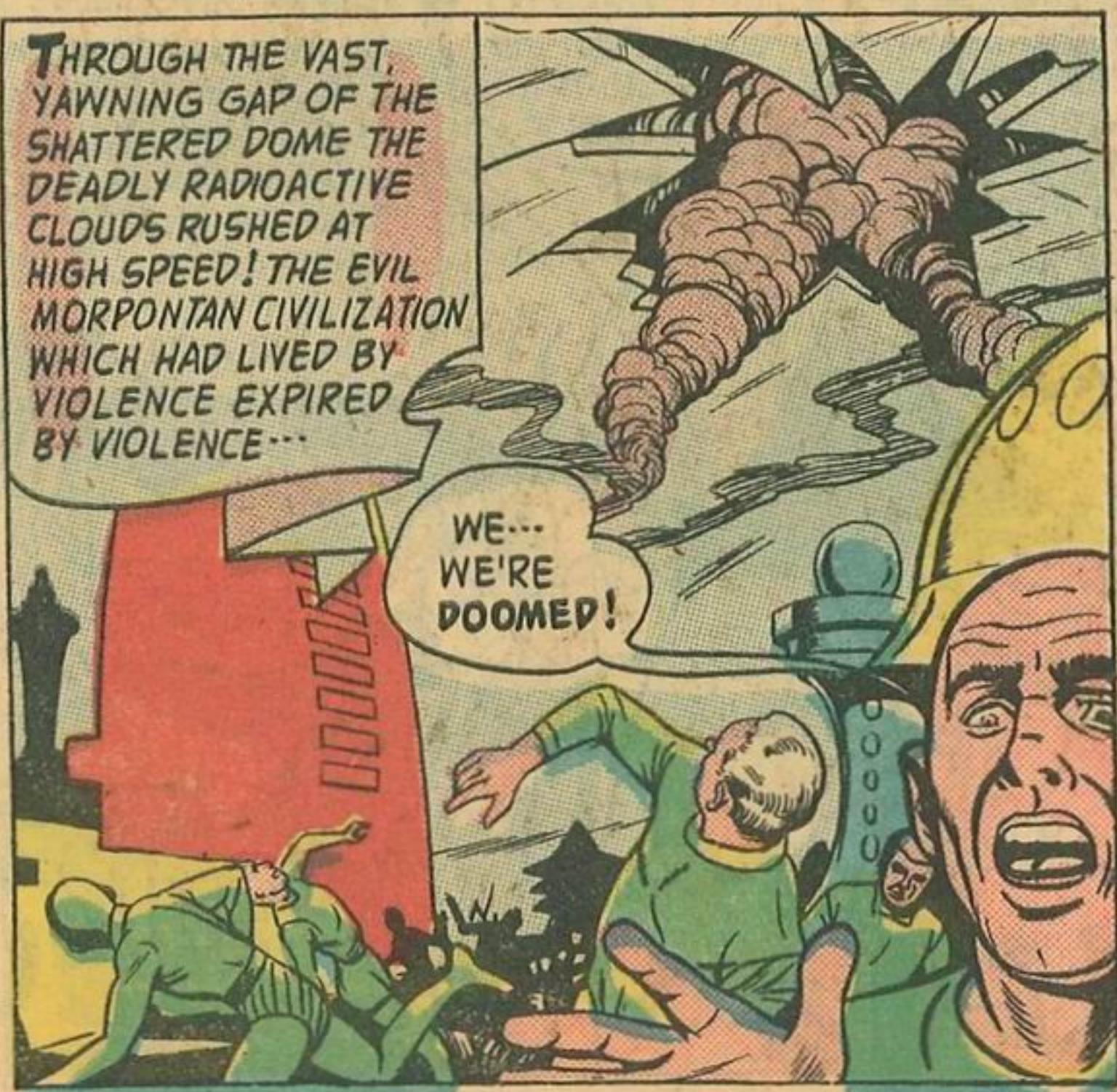
NO... NO!
HE'S GOING TO...

CRASH!



THROUGH THE VAST, YAWNING GAP OF THE SHATTERED DOME THE DEADLY RADIOACTIVE CLOUDS RUSHED AT HIGH SPEED! THE EVIL MORPONTAN CIVILIZATION WHICH HAD LIVED BY VIOLENCE EXPIRED BY VIOLENCE...

WE... WE'RE DOOMED!

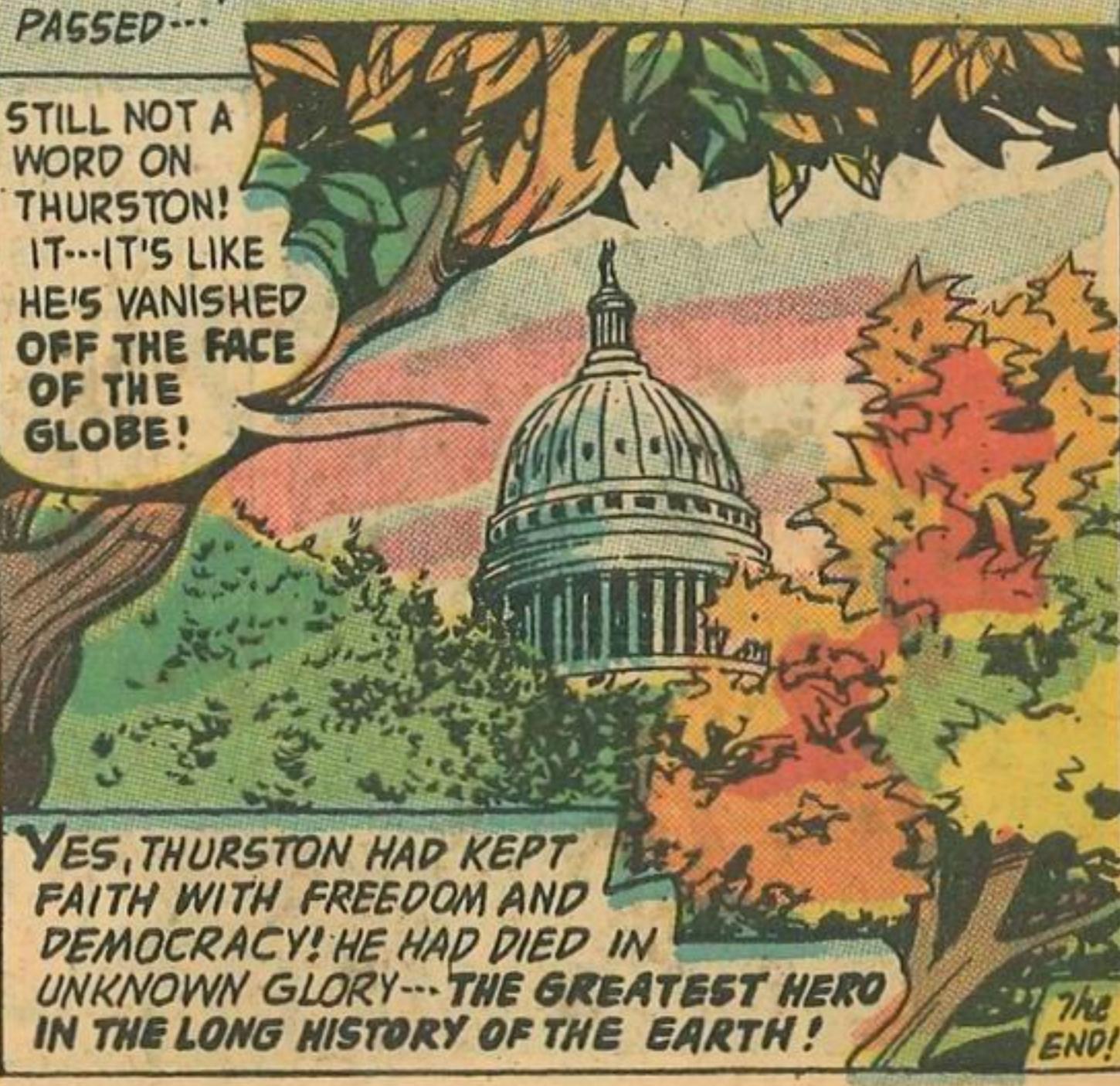


ON EARTH, NO ONE KNEW THAT A PERIL HAD COME AND PASSED...

STILL NOT A WORD ON THURSTON! IT--IT'S LIKE HE'S VANISHED OFF THE FACE OF THE GLOBE!

YES, THURSTON HAD KEPT FAITH WITH FREEDOM AND DEMOCRACY! HE HAD DIED IN UNKNOWN GLORY--THE GREATEST HERO IN THE LONG HISTORY OF THE EARTH!

THE END!



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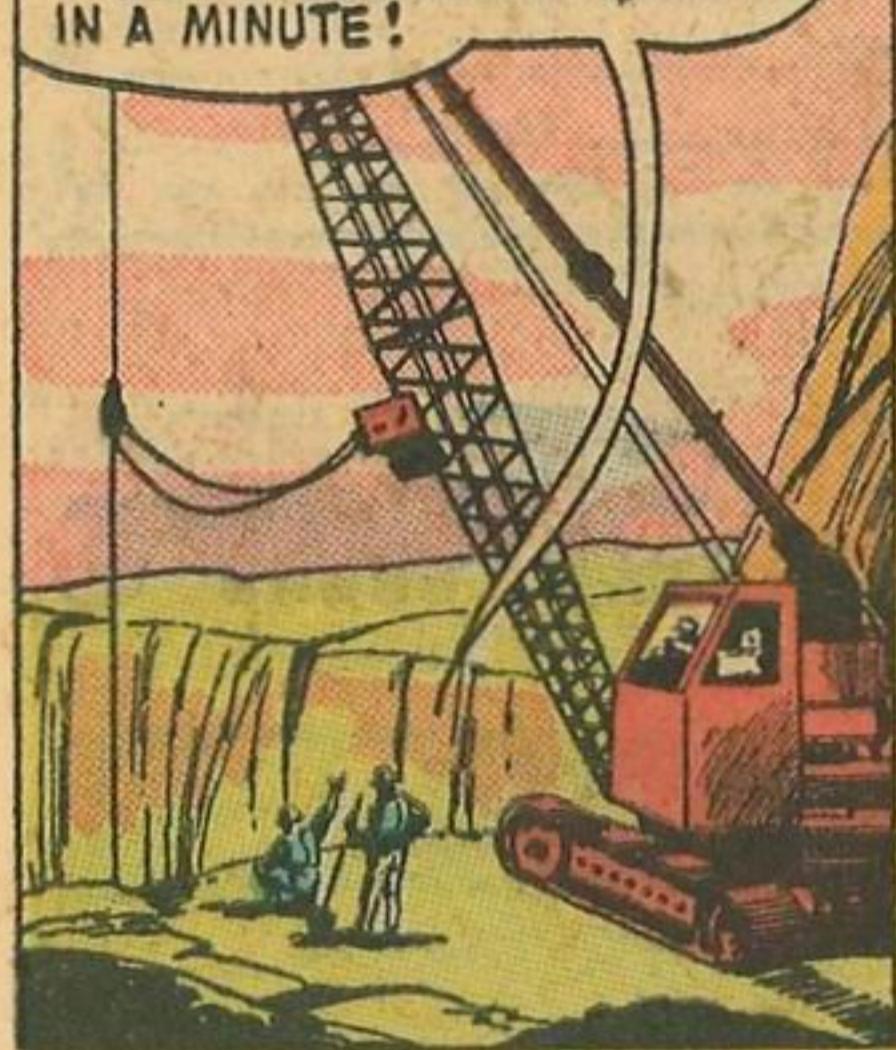
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IT ALL BEGAN WHEN AN ANCIENT ASPHALT PIT IN CALIFORNIA WAS BEING DRAINED...

WE'VE GOT SOMETHING BIG THERE...WE'LL SEE WHAT IT IS IN A MINUTE!



IT WAS A TREMENDOUS SCIENTIFIC FIND...PRESERVED THROUGH THE AGES BY THE SHELTERING ASPHALT...

HOLY SMOKE, IT'S A DINOSAUR!

AND PERFECTLY PRESERVED! WOW!



THE MANNER IN WHICH THE ANCIENT BEAST HAD MET ITS DEATH WAS AT ONCE APPARENT...

IT WAS KILLED BY SOMETHING PENETRATING ITS BODY! I WONDER ... COULD THAT HAVE BEEN A CAVEMAN'S SPEAR?

UH-UH...MAN DIDN'T EXIST IN THE AGE OF DINOSAURS, MILLIONS OF YEARS AGO! LET'S SEE IF WE CAN GET THE ASPHALT OFF THAT THING AND SEE WHAT IT IS!



THE CLEANING JOB WAS DONE...AND FINALLY...

WELL, WHAT DID IT TURN OUT TO BE? I'M STILL BETTING ON A SPEAR!

BETTER GET SET FOR A SURPRISE, BOYS! YOU WON'T BELIEVE WHAT YOU'RE GOING TO SEE!



THERE IT WAS...THE OBJECT THAT HAD SLAIN THE HUGE CREATURE COUNTLESS CENTURIES PAST...

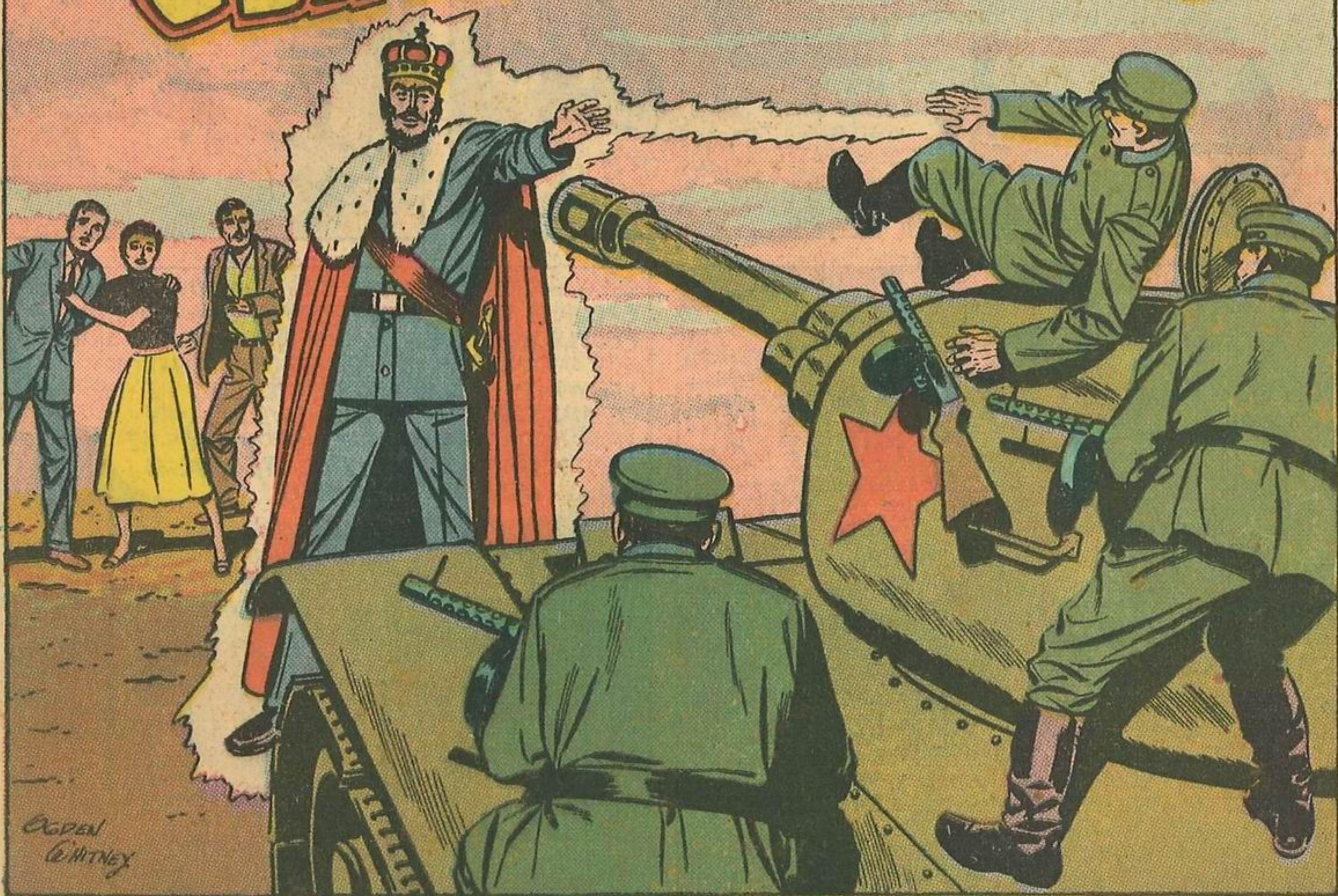
HUMAN CIVILIZATION GOES BACK JUST A FEW THOUSAND YEARS...WHICH MEANS THAT WHOEVER FIRED THIS WAS SOMEONE FROM OUT OF THIS WORLD!



The END!

IT ISN'T OFTEN THAT A TENSE TALE OF COMMUNIST DOUBLE-DEALING RUNS HEADLONG INTO THE CHALLENGE OF THE SUPERNATURAL! BUT HERE IT IS...THRILLING...MYSTIFYING...AND...

What Happened in CENTRAL EUROPE!



IT'S A STRANGE, GRIPPING STORY YOU'RE GOING TO WATCH UNFOLD, READER! GASP-LADEN SCENES FROM OUT OF THE PAST...

SH-HHH!
IF ANYONE HEARS US, WE'RE LOST!

...TENSE MOMENTS THAT'LL MAKE YOU HOLD YOUR BREATH...

WE...WE'VE GOT TO SEE WHAT'S INSIDE...NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS!

...AND FLAMING ACTION RIGHT OUT OF TODAY'S TROUBLED WORLD!

FOR SLOVENIA!
THROW OUT THE RED INVADERS!

WE'VE GOT OUR ORDERS!
FIRE!

WHAT'S THE CONNECTION AMONG THESE ODDLY-ASSORTED HAPPENINGS? WELL...LET'S START WITH A SPRING DAY IN NEW YORK, 1957! MIKE AND ABBY HALL WERE AN UNHAPPY REPORTER-PHOTOGRAPHER COMBO...

WHATEVER BECAME OF OUR AMBITIONS, ANYWAY? REMEMBER HOW WE THOUGHT WE'D BE THE GREATEST HUSBAND-AND-WIFE TEAM IN THE HISTORY OF NEWSPAPERS, ABBY...ME DOING THE HOT-SHOT REPORTING AND YOU THE PHOTOG? WHAT

HAPPENED TO US? **WHAT HAPPENED**, THE MAN WANTS TO KNOW! JUST BIG-SHOT ASSIGNMENTS LIKE GARDEN CLUB SOCIALS AND SECOND RATE VISITING CELEBRITIES!

TIME'S PASSING, MIKE...WHAT ARE YOU, MAN OR MOUSE? WHAT DO YOU SAY WE CORNER O'SHEA AND TELL HIM EITHER WE GET US A **REAL** ASSIGNMENT...OR WE **QUIT**!

HONEY, YOU TOOK THE WORDS RIGHT OUT OF MY MOUTH! **LET'S GO!**

O'SHEA, THE EDITOR, WAS A TOUGH NUT...

LOOK, KIDS, FOR MY MONEY, GARDEN CLUB SOCIALS ARE JUST ABOUT YOUR SPEED! IT SO HAPPENS I **DO** HAVE AN ASSIGNMENT, BUT IT'S NOT FOR YOU! TOO **RISKY**... NOBODY WANTS TO TOUCH IT!

ABBY AND I DON'T SCARE EASY! WHAT IS IT?

EXTRA
NEW YORK PLANET
EXT

RUSSIAN TROOPS MOVE INTO SLOVENIA AT REQUEST OF KING GAROK

ANTON HORJAK, REBEL LEADER, IMPRISONED... FACES DEATH



THERE'S A STORY HERE...A GREAT STORY... FOR A REPORTER-PHOTOG TEAM WITH ENOUGH GUTS TO GET IT! BUT HERE'S THE SORT OF STUFF YOU MAY BE UP AGAINST! **STILL** WANT THE JOB?

ULP! YES, WE...WE STILL W-WANT IT...I TH-THINK!

OKAY, SUCKERS...HERE'S THE LOWDOWN! KING GAROK IS A RAT...EVERYBODY KNOWS THAT! THE PEOPLE WOULD DEPOSE HIM IN A SECOND IF ANTON HORJAK JUST GAVE THE WORD! AND GAROK KNOWS IT...THAT'S WHY HE'S CALLED IN THE COMMIES FOR PROTECTION! WELL...WHY WON'T HORJAK **GIVE THAT WORD**? WHY'S HE PROTECTING GAROK? **IT'LL BE YOUR JOB TO FIND OUT!**



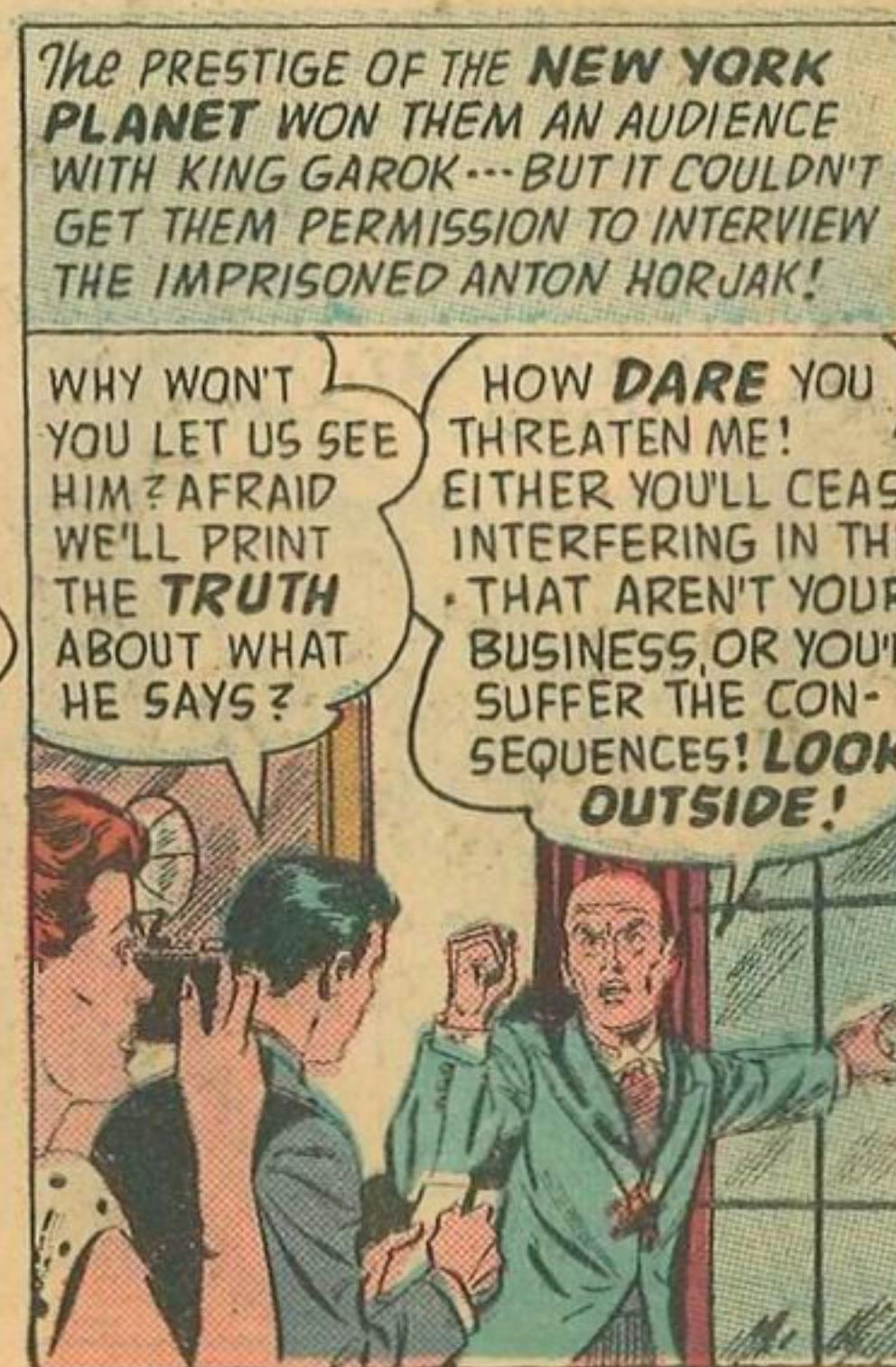
AND SO...ABOARD THE NEXT PLANE FOR SLOVENIA...



GAROK'S A MEAN CUSTOMER... AND THOSE REDS ARE TRIGGER-HAPPY! MAYBE WE SHOULD'VE STUCK TO THE GARDEN CLUBS, ABBY!

MIKE, YOU OUGHT TO BE **ASHAMED** OF YOURSELF FOR BEING SUCH A COWARD! AND I...I FEEL THE SAME WAY!

The PRESTIGE OF THE **NEW YORK PLANET** WON THEM AN AUDIENCE WITH KING GAROK...BUT IT COULDN'T GET THEM PERMISSION TO INTERVIEW THE IMPRISONED ANTON HORJAK!



WHY WON'T YOU LET US SEE HIM? AFRAID WE'LL PRINT THE **TRUTH** ABOUT WHAT HE SAYS?

HOW DARE YOU THREATEN ME! EITHER YOU'LL CEASE INTERFERING IN THINGS THAT AREN'T YOUR BUSINESS, OR YOU'LL SUFFER THE CONSEQUENCES! **LOOK OUTSIDE!**

I SEE! WE'RE TO BE NICE LITTLE KIDS AND KEEP OUR NOSES CLEAN...OR YOU'LL HAVE THE **REDS** TAKE CARE OF US, HUH? THANKS, MISTER... **FOR NOTHING!**



WITH NOTHING ELSE TO DO, THEY DRIFTED TOWARDS THE PRISON WHERE HORJAK WAS BEING HELD! SOON THEY FOUND THEMSELVES CAUGHT UP IN A WAVE OF HIS SUPPORTERS...

LOOKS LIKE WE CAN'T GET OUT OF THIS!

FREE ANTON HORJAK!
KICK THE REDS OUT!

SAVE HORJAK
...A TRUE PATRIOT!

SO WE'LL MOVE ALONG WITH 'EM... THEY'RE HEADED TOWARDS THE JAIL! MAYBE WE CAN GET SOME ON-THE-SPOT INTERVIEWS ...HUMAN INTEREST STUFF AND ALL THAT!

THEY FOUND THE PRISON SHIELDED BY SLOVENIAN ROYAL GUARDS...AND MIKE QUESTIONED THEIR CAPTAIN...

LOOKS LIKE THE SLOVENIAN ROYAL GUARDS MUST BE TEAMING UP WITH THE REDS IN THIS HORJAK SITUATION! AM I RIGHT?

THAT'S A LIE! HOW CAN YOU ASSOCIATE US WITH THOSE VANDALS? LOOK...BRING YOUR PARTNER INSIDE... LET ME TELL YOU THE FEELINGS OF TRUE SLOVENIAN PATRIOTS!

THE ROYAL GUARD IS SWORN TO OBEY THE KING AND SHALL DO SO! BUT GAROK IS DELIVERING US INTO RUSSIAN HANDS! ANTON HORJAK IS A TRUE SLOVENIAN ...CAN I HATE SUCH A MAN?

IF YOU REALLY LOVE YOUR COUNTRY, YOU'LL WANT TO PLACE THE TRUTH BEFORE THE WORLD...IT'S THE ONLY CHANCE OF SAVING SLOVENIA FROM BECOMING A RED PUPPET STATE!

I KNOW WHAT MY HUSBAND'S THINKING! ONLY HORJAK KNOWS THE REAL TRUTH...WHY NOT LET US SEE HIM AND DISCLOSE THAT TRUTH TO THE WORLD? THERE MAY STILL BE TIME TO SAVE HIM...AND YOUR NATION!

I...I'LL DO IT! I CAN GET YOU IN TO HIM SECRETLY...

BUT THE REBEL LEADER HAD LITTLE TO REVEAL...

YOU'RE LOOKING FOR SOME SECRET AS TO WHY I DON'T INCITE THE POPULACE TO REBELLION AND SAVE MYSELF...BUT THERE IS NO SECRET! I LOVE MY COUNTRY, BUT I'M SWORN TO UPHOLD ITS KING! NEVER WILL I LEAD A REVOLUTION AGAINST HIM!

CALL IT A WOMAN'S INTUITION, BUT I THINK THERE'S MORE TO IT THAN THAT! A REAL PATRIOT WOULD STRIVE TO PREVENT SLOVENIA FROM FALLING INTO RUSSIAN HANDS! YOU OWE IT TO YOUR COUNTRYMEN TO TELL US EVERYTHING!

WELL...IF THERE IS A SECRET, IT'S A LITTLE SECRET...AND THAT'S THAT I'M A COUSIN OF THE KING! COULD I LEAD A REVOLT AGAINST A MEMBER OF MY OWN FAMILY? YOU SEE, A CENTURY AGO, MY GREAT-GRANDFATHER WAS A BROTHER TO KING STEFAN...

HEY, I KNOW A BIT OF HISTORY! THAT STEFAN WAS A HARD, CRUEL CUSTOMER...ABOUT JUST AS BAD AS THE PRESENT-DAY KING GAROK!

THAT'S NOT ENTIRELY SO! FOR THE FIRST TEN YEARS OF HIS REIGN, HE WAS AS KIND AND UNSELFISH A MONARCH AS EVER LIVED! THERE WAS SOMETHING ABOUT HIM...A STRANGE MYSTERY THAT NOBODY'S EVER BEEN ABLE TO UNDERSTAND...

HIS ONE CONCERN, AT THE BEGINNING, WAS FOR HIS PEOPLE AND THEIR HAPPINESS...

RISE, MY COUNTRYMEN... I LIKE NOT TO SEE YOU ON YOUR KNEES! I AM ABOLISHING ALL TAXATION OF THE POOR... AND THE PUBLIC TREASURY SHALL BE OPENED FOR THE AID OF ALL YOU NEEDY!

MAY HEAVEN BLESS YOU.
KING STEFAN!

BUT THEN, OVERNIGHT, SOMETHING STRANGE HAPPENED... SOMETHING WHICH CHANGED HIM INTO A CRUEL DESPOT...

YOU PROMISED US YOUR HELP, OH KING... WHY HAS IT NOT BEEN GRANTED?

GUARD!
DISPERSE
THIS
RABBLE!

NOW HE JOINED OPENLY WITH THE NOBLES OF THE REALM, WHO HAD PREVIOUSLY OPPOSED HIM FOR HIS KINDNESSES! TOGETHER, THEY PLOTTED HOW BEST TO LOOT THE KINGDOM...

A NEW TAX CAN BE LEVIED ON THE PEOPLE... AND WE'LL ALL SHARE IN THE PROCEEDS! ONE THING'S SURE... THE KING WON'T STAND IN OUR WAY!

HA-HA!

I'M SURE KING STEFAN HAD BECOME MAD, AND HIS BROTHER... MY GREAT GRANDFATHER... SHOULD HAVE RULED IN HIS STEAD! THEN MAYBE I'D BE KING TODAY, INSTEAD OF GAROK, AND THINGS WOULD BE DIFFERENT! BUT THERE'S NOTHING I CAN OR WILL DO ABOUT IT... LET THEM EXECUTE ME! THAT'S... ALL I CAN TELL YOU!

I'VE GOT MY DOUBTS ABOUT THAT STORY OF OLD KING STEFAN! A MAN DOESN'T CHANGE THAT WAY OVERNIGHT... HE JUST CAN'T!

I KNOW THAT THOUGHTFUL LOOK... SOMETHING'S STEWING IN THAT ACTIVE MIND OF YOURS! WHAT IS IT?

JUST THIS! SUPPOSE IT WAS A PLOT ON THE PART OF THE CORRUPT NOBLES, WHO HAD THE KING SECRETLY REMOVED AND AN **IMPOSTOR** PUT IN HIS PLACE! IT COULD HAVE HAPPENED... AND IF WE COULD PROVE THAT IT DID, THEN TODAY'S KING GAROK WOULDN'T BE ENTITLED TO HIS THRONE BY BLOOD LINE, AND HORJAK WOULD!

IT'S FAR-FETCHED... BUT IF WE COULD EVER PROVE ANYTHING LIKE THAT, THE PEOPLE WOULD RISE AND OVERTHROW THIS CORRUPT REGIME WITH ITS COMMUNIST TIES!

HOW DO YOU PROCEED TO PROVE A THING LIKE THAT AFTER A CENTURY? THEIR FIRST STEP WAS A VISIT TO THE ROYAL MUSEUM...

THIS ONE'S A PORTRAIT OF KING STEFAN JUST BEFORE HIS STRANGE CHANGE IN PERSONALITY! YOU WANT ME TO GET A SHOT OF IT, RIGHT?

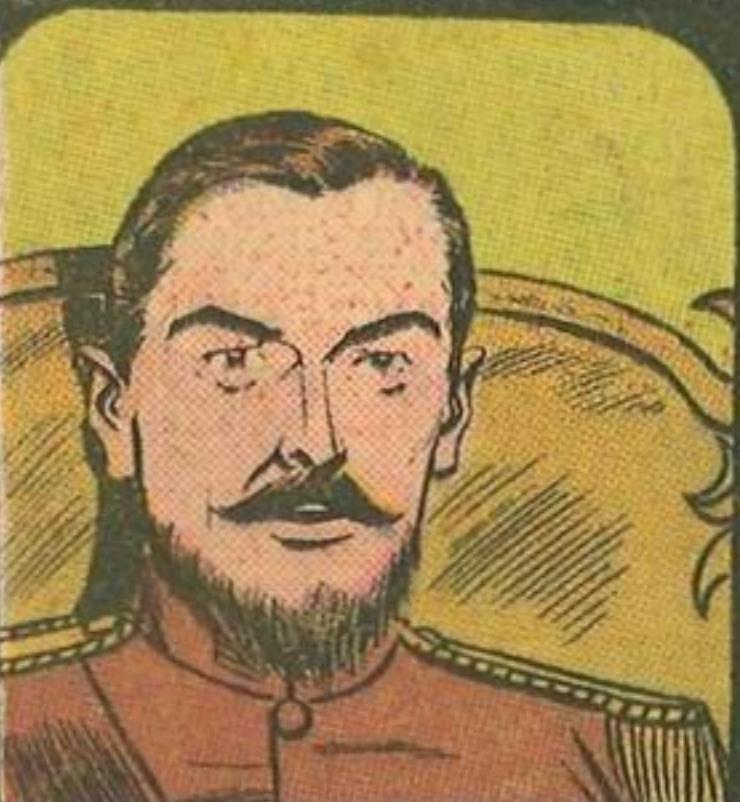
CHECK! AND THEN GET A PICTURE OF THIS OTHER ONE... IT SHOWS HIM SHORTLY AFTERWARD, WHEN HE'D JUST GONE INTO HIS BAD BOY PHASE!



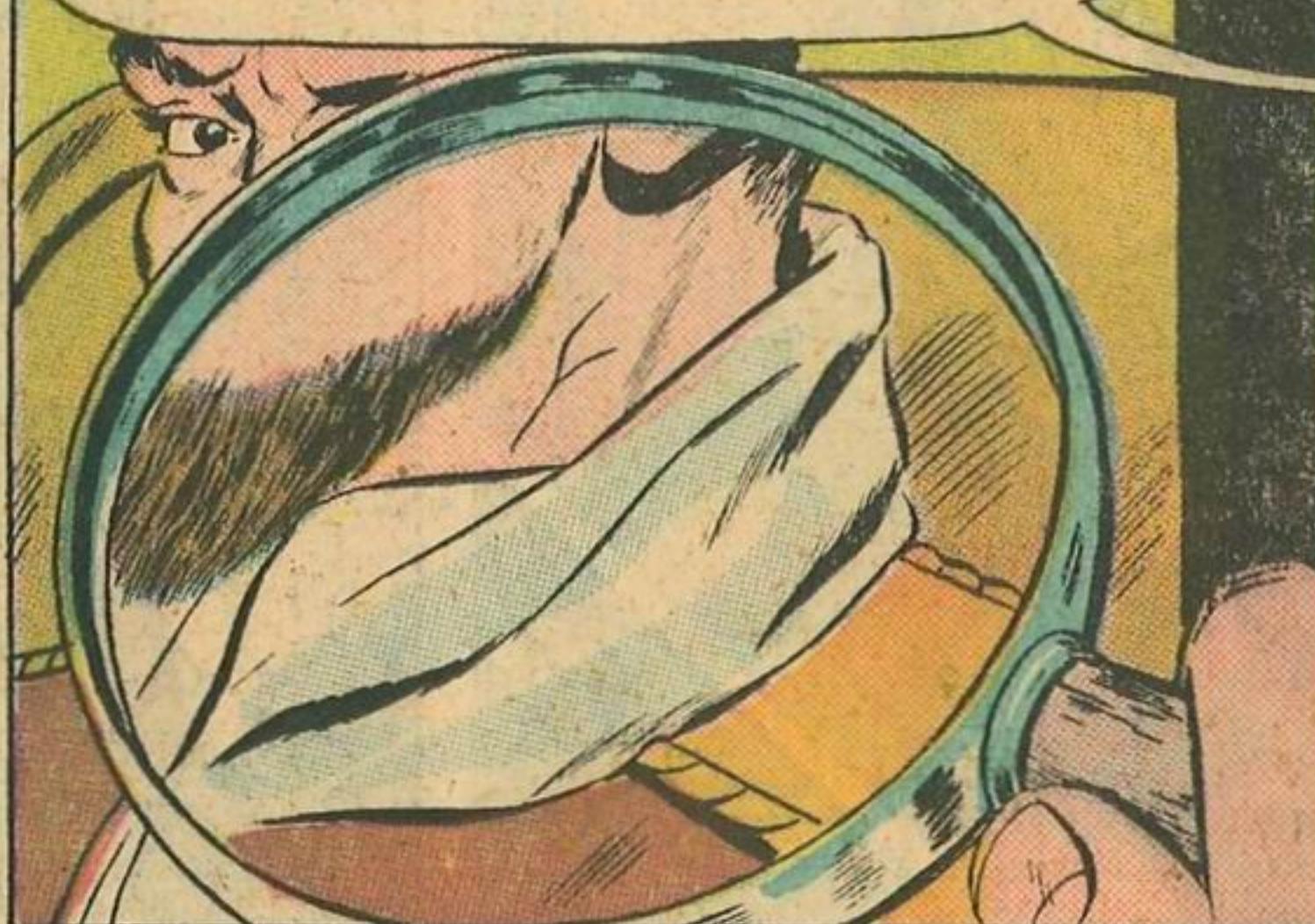
WHEN THE RESULTANT SLIDES WERE PROJECTED...
BLOWN UP TO LARGE SIZE...

I DON'T KNOW, MIKE...
THEY LOOK LIKE THE
SAME MAN TO **ME**!
JUST A DIFFERENCE
IN FACIAL EXPRESSION,
THAT'S ALL!

MAYBE **NOT**! IN
ALL THE LATER PORTRAITS
OF STEFAN, LIKE THE ONE AT
THE RIGHT, HE ALWAYS WORE
A **SCARF** AROUND HIS
NECK... BUT NOT IN THE
EARLY ONES! I
WONDER **WHY**!



LOOK HERE... THE SCARF'S SLIPPED A BIT! THERE'S A
BIRTHMARK UNDER IT... ONE WHICH HE NEVER HAD
IN THE EARLIER PAINTINGS! THEY'RE **DIFFERENT**
MEN, ABBY, BUT WHO COULD THE **NEW** ONE HAVE
BEEN? HOW COULD THE NOBLES HAVE FOUND A
MAN SO LIKE THE REAL KING THAT THERE'D
BE NO SUSPICION OF THEIR PLOT?



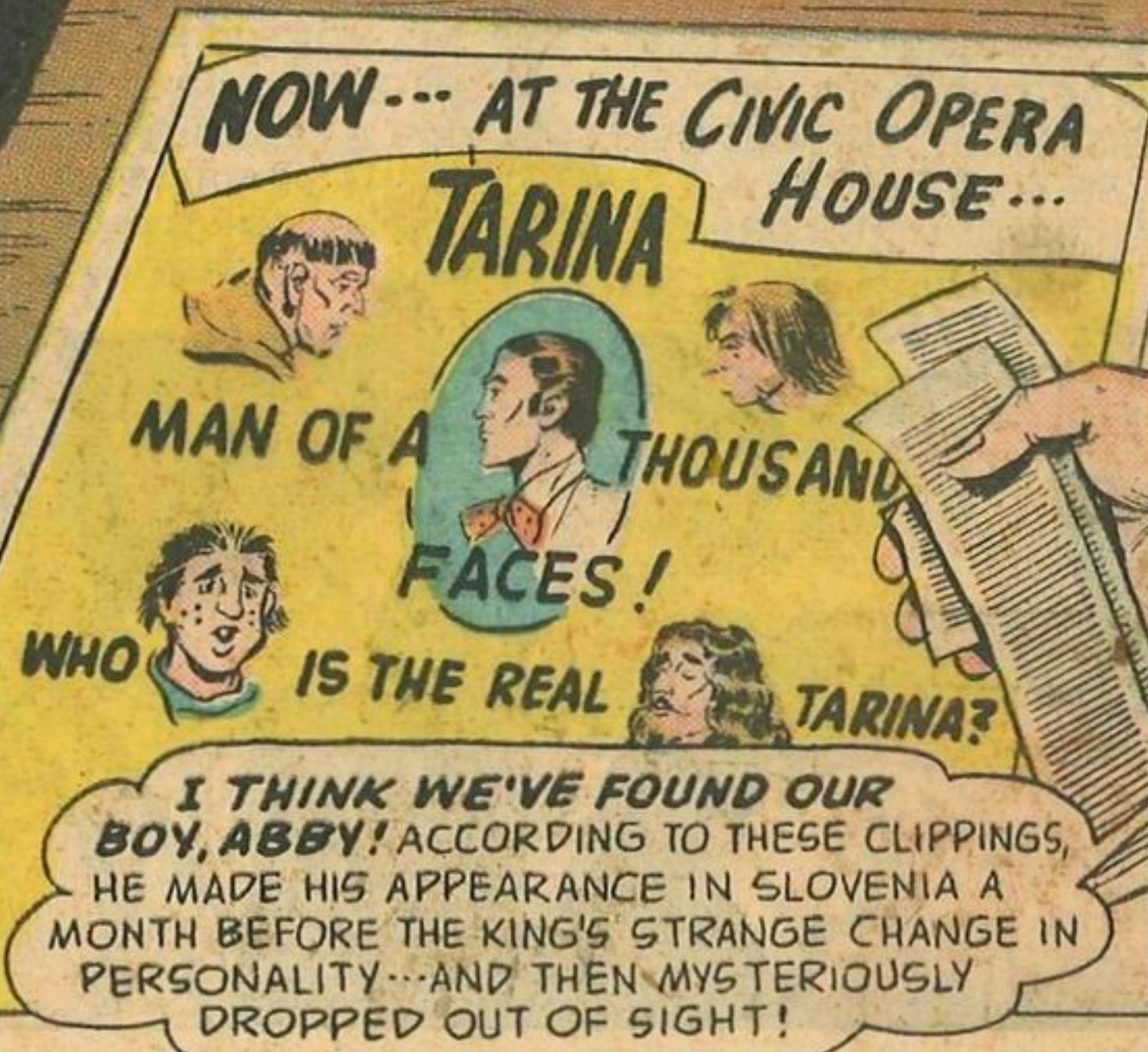
OBVIOUSLY, IT CALLED FOR A MASTERLY ACTOR... ONE
SKILLED AT DISGUISE! **WAS** THERE SUCH A MAN
AVAILABLE IN CENTRAL EUROPE AT THE TIME?
THEY CALLED UPON GREGOR OLNAR, WELL-KNOWN
THEATRICAL MANAGER...

I UNDERSTAND YOU'VE GOT
A COLLECTION OF THEATRICAL
PROGRAMS AND CLIPPINGS
DATING BACK OVER A CENTURY!
ANY CHANCE OF US LOOKING
OVER THEM?

ALWAYS GLAD TO
HELP THE PRESS! ER...
IF YOU COULD ARRANGE
TO MENTION MY NAME
IN YOUR ARTICLE, I'D
APPRECIATE IT!



PLAYBILLS, POSTERS... THEY WENT BACK A HUNDRED YEARS
IN THEIR SEARCH! AND THEY FOUND...

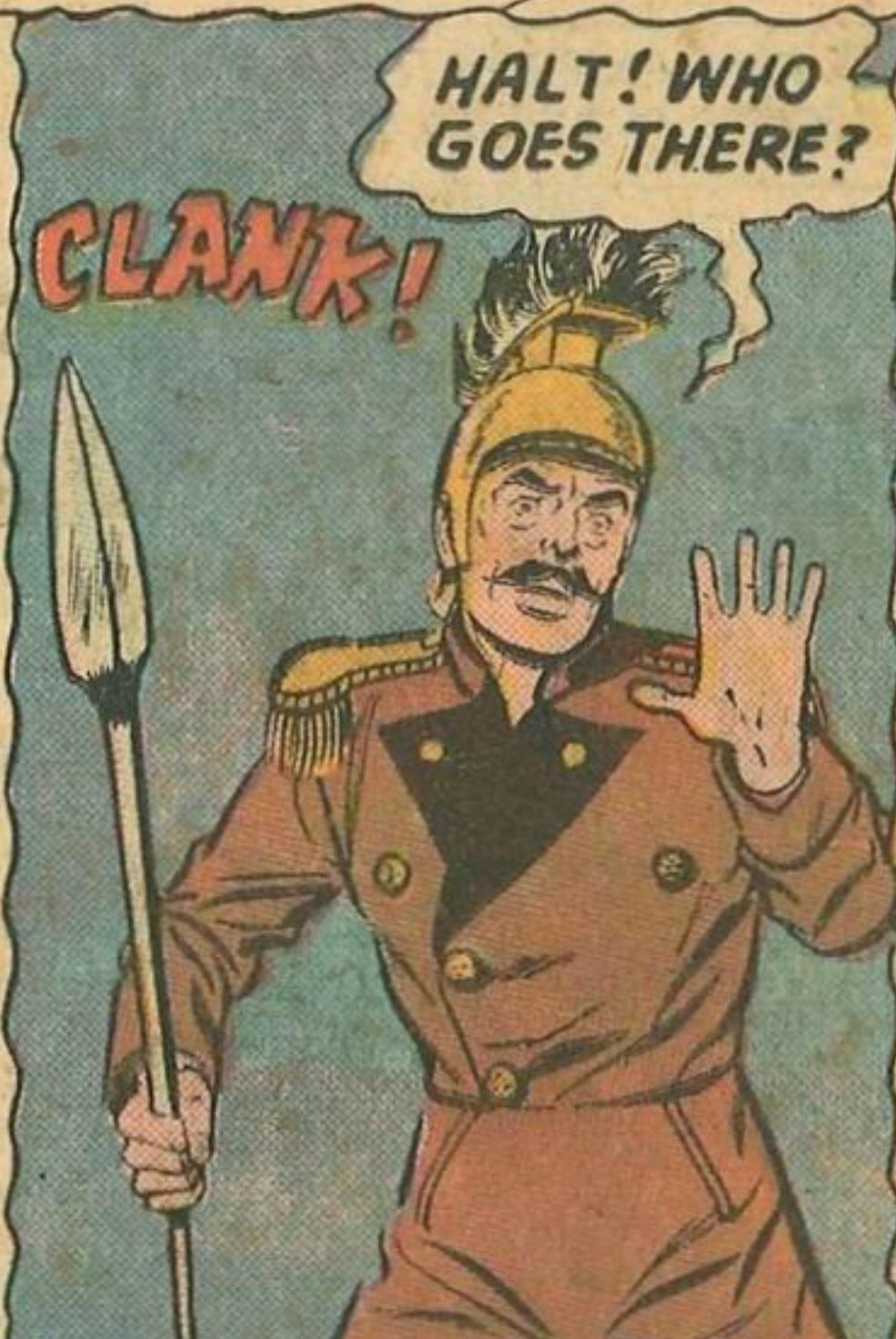


ONCE AGAIN, MIKE USED A
MAGNIFYING GLASS... AND
BENEATH IT...



WHAT HAD HAPPENED TO THE REAL
KING? THE SLOVENIANS KEPT
VOLUMINOUS RECORDS... AND
LOOKING OVER THE YELLOWING
ARCHIVES...

SAY... LOOK HERE! IT SEEMS
THAT THE VERY NIGHT BEFORE THE
KING'S PERSONALITY CHANGED
SO SUDDENLY, ONE OF THE
PALACE GUARDS HAD BEEN
ARRESTED FOR SLEEPING ON
DUTY! HE WOULDN'T ADMIT HIS
OFFENSE... HERE'S WHAT
HE CLAIMED...



HE SAW TWO MEN, CARRYING A LARGE BUNDLE...

WHO ARE YE? WHAT DO YE HERE? DON'T MOVE, OR...

FROM THE SHADOWS A THIRD MAN STRUCK, LEAVING HIM UNCONSCIOUS... SO RAN HIS STORY...

BUT NOBODY BELIEVED HIM... HE WAS STILL TRIED FOR SLEEPING ON DUTY...

BUT EVERYTHING I'VE SAID IS TRUE! I'VE ALREADY TOLD THE COURT THAT I RECOGNIZED ONE OF THE MEN-- KUBACHEK, A SERVANT IN THE EMPLOY OF THE COUNT OF BARASLAV!

SILENCE! KUBACHEK HAS DENIED THIS AND PRODUCED AN ALIBI! THERE WERE NO MARAUDERS THAT NIGHT-- FOR NOTHING WAS STOLEN AND OBVIOUSLY THERE WAS NO ATTEMPT ON THE KING-- HE CONTINUES IN GOOD HEALTH! YOU ARE GUILTY!

THAT KUBACHEK BEING A SERVANT OF THE COUNT OF BARASLAV... THAT'S SIGNIFICANT! THE COUNT WAS ONE OF THE GREATEST ENEMIES OF THE KING BEFORE HE CHANGED-- AND ONE OF HIS CLOSEST PALS AFTER!

THE WHOLE AFFAIR MUST HAVE BEEN A PLOT ON THE PART OF THE NOBLES-- THEY HATED THE KING FOR HIS GENEROUS TREATMENT OF THE PEOPLE AND SAW AN OPPORTUNITY FOR PROFIT!

THIS DETECTIVE BUSINESS IS BEGINNING TO GET ME! I'M SO TIRED...

LOOK, KID, YOU GO BACK TO THE HOTEL AND GET SOME REST! I'M GOING TO STAY AND DO A LITTLE MORE CHECKING IN THE ARCHIVES!

A FEW HOURS LATER, ABBY WAS AWAKENED BY AN EXCITED PHONE CALL...

YES... OH, H'LO, MIKE... WHAT?

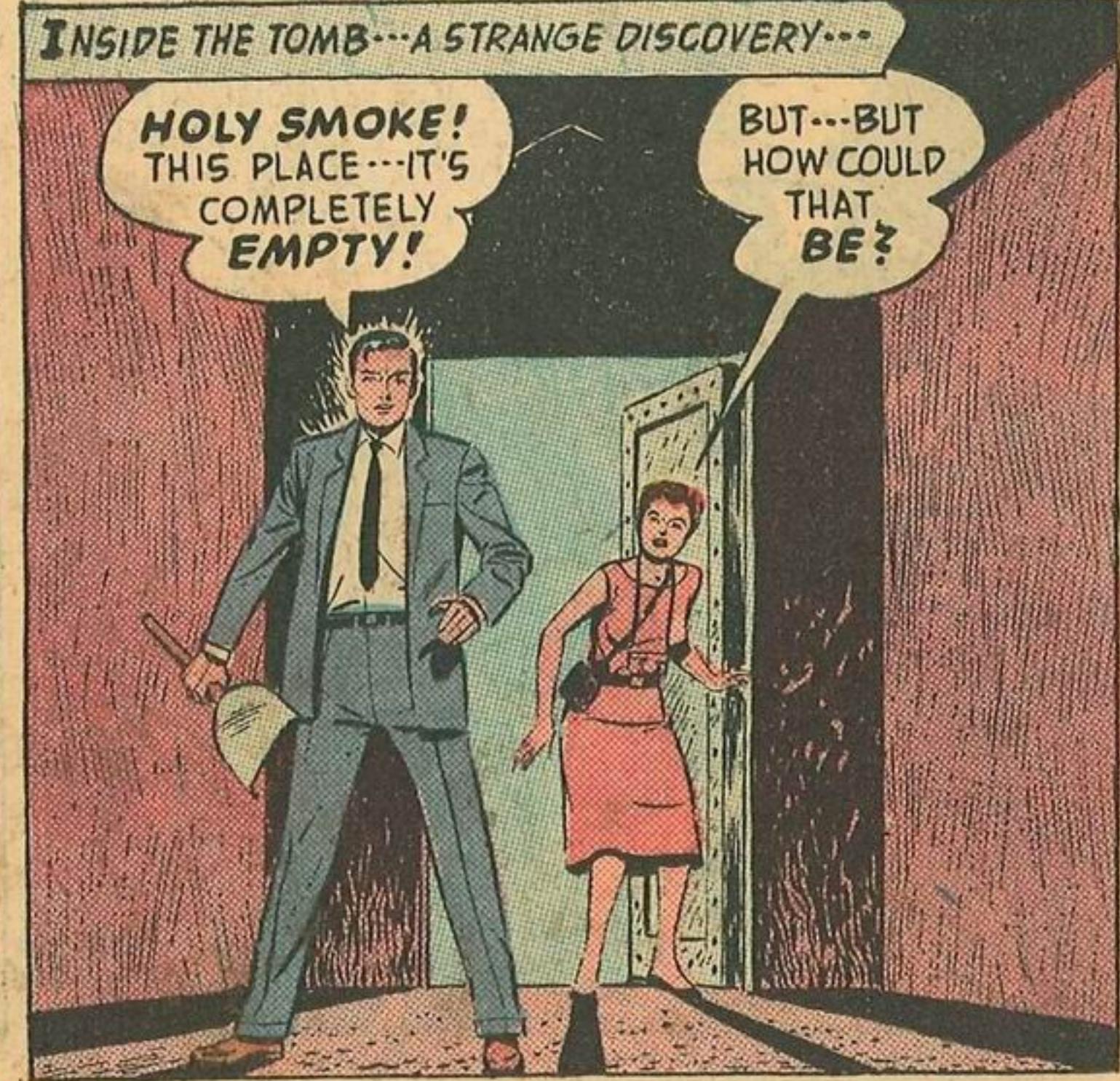
GET A LOAD OF THIS! ON THE VERY NIGHT AFTER THE PALACE GUARD CLAIMED TO HAVE SEEN HIM SNEAKING OUT A LARGE BUNDLE, KUBACHEK APPLIED FOR A BURIAL PERMIT FOR HIS FATHER! BUT THERE'S OTHER INFORMATION THAT HIS FATHER HAD DIED TWENTY YEARS BEFORE!

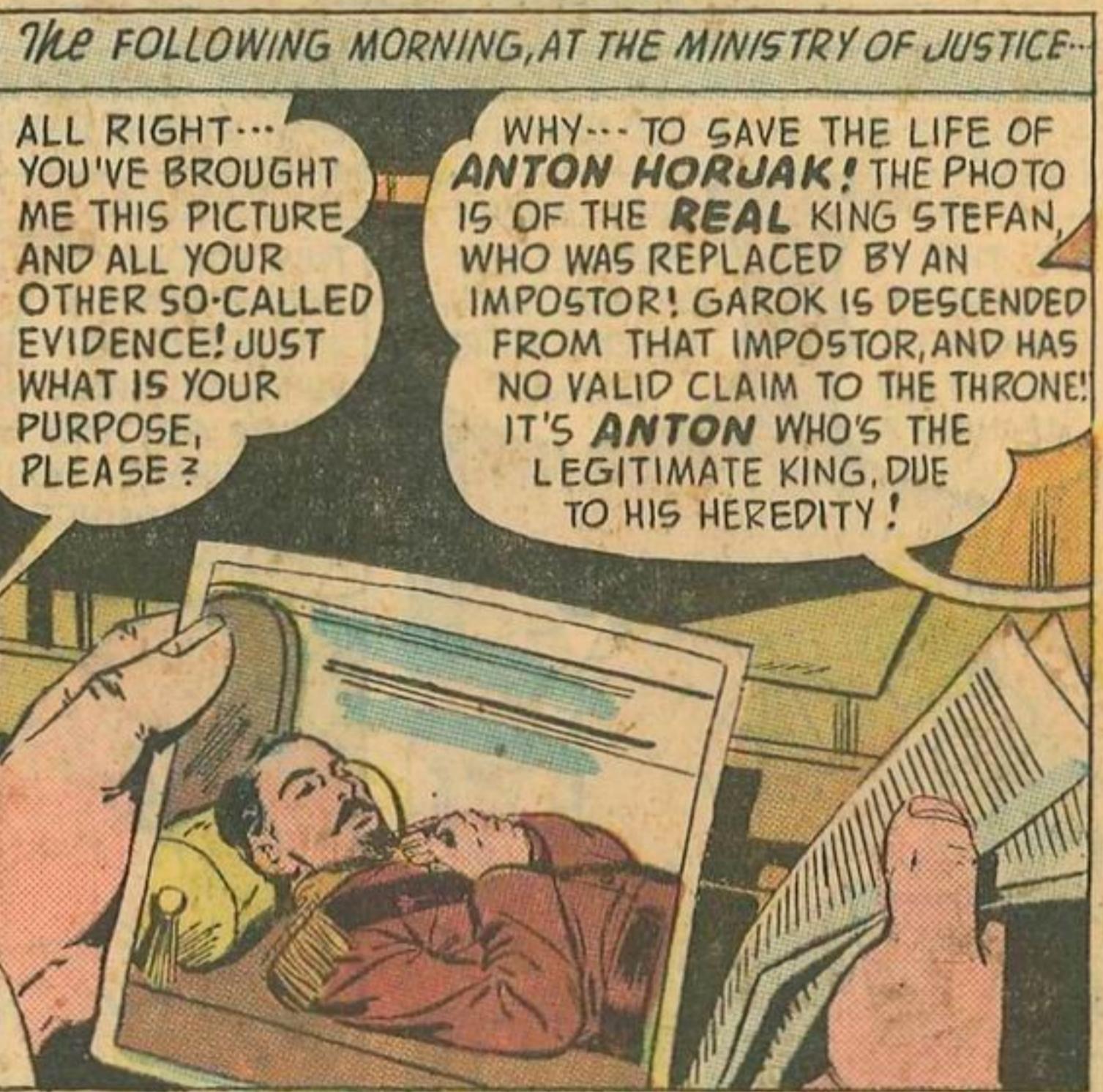
WHO WAS THE MYSTERIOUS MAN WHO HAD BEEN BURIED THEN? VITAL STATISTICS GAVE THE CEMETERY AND SITE-- AND THE FOLLOWING AFTERNOON...

THIS IS THE PLACE... BUT HOW COULD A SERVANT LIKE KUBACHEK HAVE AFFORDED SUCH A TOMB?

DUNNO... BUT THIS IS A REMOTE SECTION OF THE CEMETERY, NOBODY'S AROUND AND THAT DOOR LOOKS PRETTY RUSTY!

HERE GOES!





MEANWHILE---IN ANTON HORJAK'S CELL...

AH---I SEE
YOU'VE COME
FOR ME!

IT GIVES ME NO HAPPINESS!
I HATE WHAT I MUST DO
NOW---BUT I'M A LOYAL
SLOVENIAN, AND MUST
OBEY THE KING'S
ORDERS!

THE FATAL MOMENTS TICKED
AWAY...

READY
...AIM...

THEN IT HAPPENED---MAGICALLY---FROM OUT OF NOWHERE---

HOLD! THE LIFE
OF A TRUE PATRIOT
SHALL NOT BE
TAKEN!

WHAT...

THIS...THIS IS
SOME SORT OF TRICK!
STAND ASIDE...OR
I'LL ORDER YOU
SHOT DOWN!

NEVER! NOT
WHILE I HAVE
A DUTY TO
PERFORM!

READY
...AIM...
FIRE!

ONCE MORE THEY FELL BACK, AWED,
FOR THEIR BULLETS HAD NOT THE
SLIGHTEST EFFECT ON THE STRANGE
FIGURE! THEN...

YOU LOVE SLOVENIA
EVEN AS I DID! TAKE
UP THE FIGHT...AGAINST
THE FALSE KING WHO
RULES...AGAINST THE
RED INVADERS WHO
HOLD US SUBJECT!

I WILL...I
SWEAR
IT!

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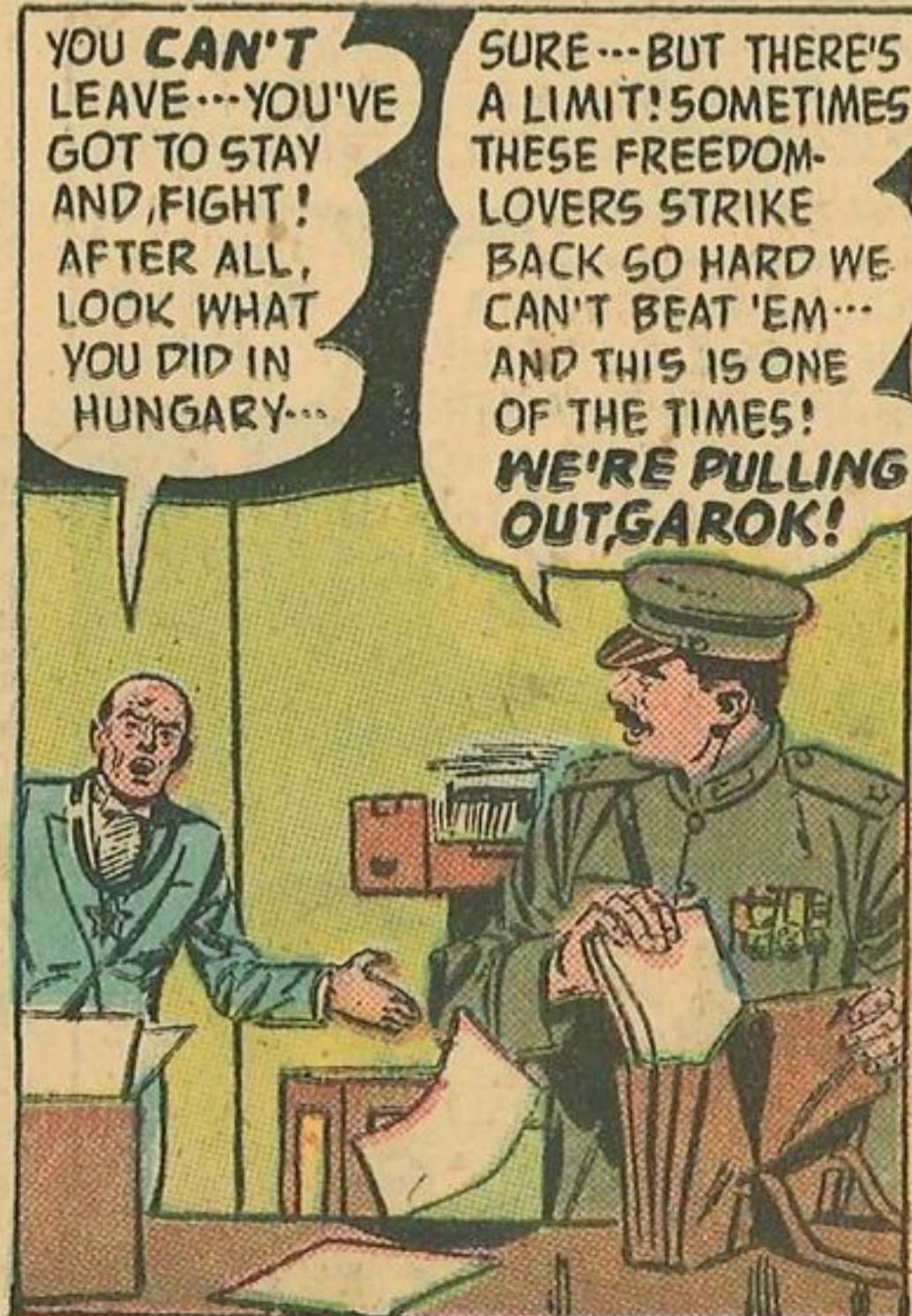
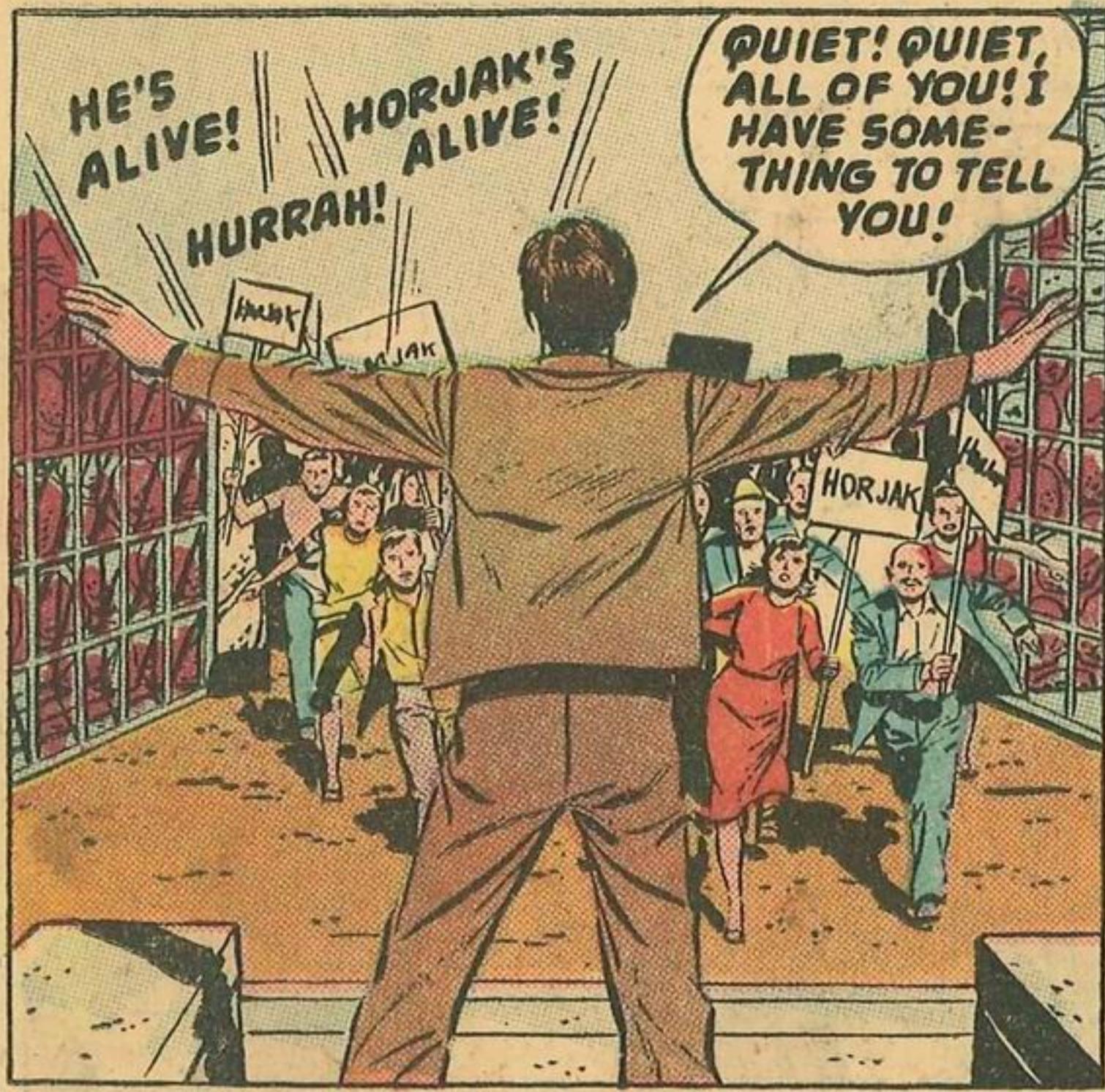
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BAM!

A BLINDING FLASH, AND THE ANCIENT
KING DISAPPEARED, LEAVING ONLY A
HEAP OF DUST BEHIND HIM...

THROW OPEN
THE GATES...LET
THE CROWD IN!
I...I KNOW WHERE
MY DUTY LIES
NOW!

POUFI!



From YOUR EDITOR *to* YOU!

We've been looking over our month's mail—no easy task, in view of its sheer volume—and we've come to the conclusion that "Forbidden Worlds" readers are just about the most vocal folks we've ever encountered. They've got very, very definite opinions, and what's more, they make them heard. Which is simply fine, because those opinions help us to build a better magazine. That's why we want to hear from you. Whether you want to pat us on the back or rake us over the coals, this department welcomes you. Tell us what you like or don't like about our book, addressing your letter to The Editor, "Forbidden Worlds," 347 Fifth Avenue, New York 16, N. Y. And now let's shoot ahead with what some of you have been saying!

"Dear Editor:-

I had to write you after reading your September issue of 'Forbidden Worlds'. It was just super! I thought all the stories were good. I love your one-page stories and 'From Your Editor To You'. And your covers are tops just the way they are. Your writers and artists should get medals for their wonderful work. The one thing I don't care for is 'Annals of the Occult', but you can't please everyone. Besides, your magazine's good enough for me just the way it is. I wonder about these characters that write 'brickbat' letters. Why don't they sign their names—too dumb or too scared? All of my friends read 'Forbidden Worlds'—don't ever change or leave anything out! I'm going to Japan—dad's in the Navy—and I sure hope your great book can be bought there! An everlasting fan.

—Claire Wride, San Diego, Calif."

A letter like this makes us glow with pride—we sure hope we deserve it! However, we can't agree with you about never changing, because the only way you can continue to improve is by continuing to change. And we hope that change will be in the direction of even better stories and art! About our adverse critics—many of them do sign their names. Sometimes they know what they're talking about, too!

"Dear Editor:-

'Forbidden Worlds' would be fine if you would only improve it a bit. 'The Stand-In' and 'The Ardsley Incident' were terrible. They were in your July issue, No. 56.

—Edmund Weinmann, Huntington, L.I."

Just when we were puffing out our chests in pride, a letter like this one has to deflate us! We've got no defense, Edmund, but we think you're being a little stern. What

do some of you other readers think of these two stories? Is our critic right—or wrong?

"Dear Editor:-

I've been reading 'Forbidden Worlds' for some time now, and never made a comment before, but I feel it is time that I wrote you. You must have several artists on your staff, because I find different drawings for every story. I also agree on the fact that you shouldn't print a misleading cover. I've just read your September No. 58 issue, and it was fine. That 'Annals of the Occult' story reminded me of a person who can walk through walls—this person is a minister. It may sound funny, but it's true. All in all, I enjoy your type of book very much, although I've missed several issues. Either they're hard to find or they sell out quick! I'd have loved to have read your 'Mr. Miggs From Mercury', because it sounded exciting. Your magazine is second on my list. I've never been left flat on one of your stories, though, and hope I never will be. Keep up the good work and you'll probably end up first in my preference!

—Jay Bonham, Dalton, Mass."

Let's take things in order, Jay. For your information, we have many, many artists, and we try to assign to each the stories best fitted to his individual style. Misleading covers? We just don't think our covers are ever that misleading! Now, as for the minister who can walk through walls, he sounds fascinating. We'd like to know more about him, so that we can give our readers the inside dope! We object to having "Forbidden Worlds" second on anybody's list, and intend to work so hard that it will soon be first on everybody's!

"Dear Editor:-

When I read 'Drobney's Domain' in the January issue of 'Forbidden Worlds', I was moved almost to the point of weeping. I hope you will publish more stories of this moving nature in the future, especially tales exemplifying the goodness of man.

—Michael Howard, Fox Lake, Ill."

We're happy that you liked that particular story. It was an "off-beat" yarn, completely different from the usual. We find that readers enjoy departing from the routine fare and venturing into unusual subjects. By all means, we plan to continue such thrilling explorations!

"Dear Editor:-

The people who criticize 'Forbidden Worlds' aren't able to appreciate science

fiction. It seems as if they don't even appreciate science! Your magazine is wonderful—in your October issue, 'The Enigma of Edith' is one of the best science fiction stories I've ever read. Keep up the good work!

Charles Kaiser, Weatherford, Okla."

Thanks for your nicely-expressed opinion, Charles. But we do want to point out that we're not exclusively science fiction—not by a long shot! We like to publish strange and amazing stories of every type, most definitely including the S. F. type!

"Dear Editor:-

I just finished the No. 58 issue of 'Forbidden Worlds'. I liked 'My Strange Godfather' best. I usually try to guess how stories turn out, but I sure was wrong on this one! I've got to give the writer credit for a lot of fine imagination. I also like your one-page stories.

—Jacqueline Camp, Benton Harbor, Mich."

We liked that particular story too, Jacqueline, because it kept us wondering. Surprise endings are great stuff when they come off—and this one sure did!

"Dear Editor:-

Though I like the thrilling adventure stories in 'Forbidden Worlds' far better than any others, I'm inclined to agree with Vincent Allardyce and J. Pederson. It seems to me that the cover pictures should follow the story and not mislead the reader. Take, for example, the September issue, No. 58, in which the cover story is 'My Strange Godfather'. I agree that the cover has an eerie atmosphere about it that would attract attention, but it would still be interesting if the cover picture showed the girl getting younger and younger. I'm sure that many other readers will agree with my point. However, I think that your stories are the best I've ever read!

—Lynn Taylor, Gonzales, La."

A fair opinion fairly expressed, Lynn. It all depends which camp you're in. Some want their covers taken directly from the story, with nothing changed. Others, however, prefer us to use our imaginations, with a cover suggested by the plot that doesn't give the story away! We're waiting for more votes from you other readers!

"Dear Editor:-

I've just finished the September issue of 'Forbidden Worlds' and I had to write you this letter. I am a faithful reader and I think that your magazine is the very best in the line of strange adventures. What I like about it is that the stories are not wordy—they get right to the point, yet hold you in suspense. Keep the editorial pages—they'll not only improve the magazine, but

help you get to know your readers better.
—E. J. S., Levittown, N.Y."

Sometimes too many words can ruin a story. We try to avoid this.

"Dear Editor:-

I like 'Forbidden Worlds' very much, and think your stories are clever and exciting. But I wish you would put more planning into some of them. Also, I like stories that really keep you on edge. Lastly, I think an annual for your magazine is an excellent idea!

—E. Goldweber, Hillsdale, N.J."

Exactly what do you mean by "more planning"? We'd like to know, because we want to satisfy our readers all the way. Remember that we pick our stories for interest and plot—have we been falling down? We certainly have if our yarns don't have suspense—but other readers don't share this opinion. See the above letter for details!

"Dear Editor:-

I've been a faithful fan of both of your comics—"Forbidden Worlds" and "Adventures Into The Unknown"—for many years. I liked your art when I first started reading the books, with Kenneth Landau, Ogden Whitney and John R. as my favorite artists. Now, studying your latest issues, I see other artists wrecking a good story with poor illustration. How come? Also, how about more stories of space travel? Not the same routine you have in every magazine—stories about luck, etc. With every issue I buy, I turn immediately to the editorial page, and very often see readers agreeing with me on the subjects of better art work and space travel. A faithful fan.

—Charles Lehninger, Milwaukee, Wis."

When you're right you're right, pal—but when you're wrong, we're gonna fight! Many of our old artists are still with us and turning out wonderful work—Ogden Whitney and John R., for example. Others who are now present were picked on the grounds of ability and imagination and are doing fine jobs. About space travel—we're sure you'll be glad to know that we're going to increase the amount of space dedicated to it—see this very issue, for example! But don't pan our other stories by calling them routine, because you'll find that the majority of our readers just don't agree with you!

"Dear Editor:-

I think you've got one of the best comics on the stand. Even my friends agree with me there. Those one-pagers are really great. I didn't care too much for 'Annals of the Occult' in the No. 58 September issue, but otherwise it was wonderful. Keep up the splendid work! A very, very pleased reader.

—A. Wiczowski, Garwood, N.J."

What can we say except "Thanks"? What can we do but promise to keep on bringing our readers the very best we can turn out?

BIG JIM MAITLAND WAS A BULLY...AS BRUTAL AN IVORY HUNTER AS EVER CARRIED A GUN IN DARKEST AFRICA! BLESSED WITH A POWERFUL BODY AND TRIGGER-QUICK REFLEXES, HE FEARED NEITHER MAN NOR BEAST...BUT THERE WAS A THING HE CAME TO FEAR, THE THING WHICH WAS ONLY SPOKEN OF IN WHISPERS AS...

The Ivory Curse!

FLYING FISH...THE SIZE OF SHARKS! EVERYTHING IN THIS SEA IS A THREAT TO MY LIFE! IF I LET GO OF THIS BOTTLE FOR ONE SECOND, I'M A GONER!



MAITLAND AND SIMPSON HAD BEEN PARTNERS A LONG TIME...

WE'LL DROP ANCHOR HERE! I DON'T THINK MANY TRADERS HAVE WORKED THIS PART OF AFRICA BEFORE!

IF YOU DIDN'T HAVE SUCH A BAD REPUTATION, WE WOULDN'T ALWAYS HAVE TO FIND NEW TRIBES TO WORK WITH!



STILL COMPLAINING? HAVEN'T MY METHODS MADE US BOTH A LOT OF DOUGH?

MAYBE SO, BUT EVERYWHERE WE GO YOU GET US INTO TROUBLE! ONE OF THESE DAYS YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO FIGHT YOUR WAY OUT OF IT!



IT WAS A LONELY COAST OF AFRICA, RARELY VISITED BY
WHITE MEN...

PLEASE, AS A FAVOR TO
ME---TRY TO BE FRIENDLY
WITH THE NATIVES! THERE
AREN'T MANY NEW
TERRITORIES FOR
US...

SHUT UP! I KNOW
HOW TO HANDLE
SAVAGES---THEY
ONLY RESPECT
FORCE!

ONE DAY LATER...

SEEMS LIKE A PRETTY
BIG TRIBE! LET'S TRY
TO GET OFF ON THE
RIGHT FOOT!

THERE'LL BE EASY
PICKINGS HERE! THIS
IS ELEPHANT COUNTRY
---WE'RE GONNA BE
ROLLING IN IVORY!



BEFORE THE THRONE OF THE KUWANI CHIEF THEY
EXPLAINED THEIR WORK...

WE ASK ONLY PERMISSION TO
HUNT THE BULL ELEPHANT! IN
RETURN WE HAVE GIFTS FOR
YOUR PEOPLE---COLORED
STONES, BOLTS OF
CLOTH...

I MUST CONSULT
OUR TRIBAL GODS!
WHEN THE SUN
RISES AGAIN, I
WILL SPEAK!



A DRUM OUTSIDE THE CHIEF'S HUT SOUNDED RHYTH-
MICALLY ALL THAT NIGHT...

WHAT DO YOU
THINK HIS ANSWER
WILL BE?

HE'LL SAY YES, OF COURSE
---HE WANTS THOSE GIFTS!
THIS IS ALL A LOT OF
MUMBO-JUMBO, JUST
TO IMPRESS HIS
PEOPLE!



I DON'T KNOW, MAITLAND! I'VE
HEARD STORIES---WEIRD TALES
ABOUT THE POWER OF BLACK
MAGIC...

BALONEY! I'M
STRONGER THAN
ANY MAGIC!

NEXT MORNING...

THE GODS HAVE SPOKEN! YOU MAY
HUNT, IF YOU SLAY ONLY THE BULL
ELEPHANT! BUT YOU MUST WAIT
TILL MY PEOPLE RETURN FROM
THE SHORE OF THE SEA! I HAVE
SUMMONED THE TURTLES TO
APPEAR!

SURE, CHIEF,
ANYTHING
YOU SAY!

IT WAS ONLY A ONE-DAY TRIP TO THE
COAST, BUT MAITLAND WAS FURIOUS...

WHAT'S ALL THIS MALARKEY ABOUT
SUMMONING TURTLES? I WANT TO
START HUNTING!

TAKE IT EASY!
WE'LL FIND OUT
WHAT'S GOING
ON SOON
ENOUGH!



ON THE WHITE CORAL BEACH, THEY WITNESSED A STRANGE RITE...

HEAR ME, O MIGHTY POWERS! I SUMMON THE TURTLES TO SHORE SO THAT MY PEOPLE MAY GATHER FOOD! LET THE CREATURES APPEAR AT DAWN!

THAT GUY'S OUT OF HIS HEAD! BY TOMORROW, THE WHOLE TRIBE WILL KNOW HE'S A PHONEY!

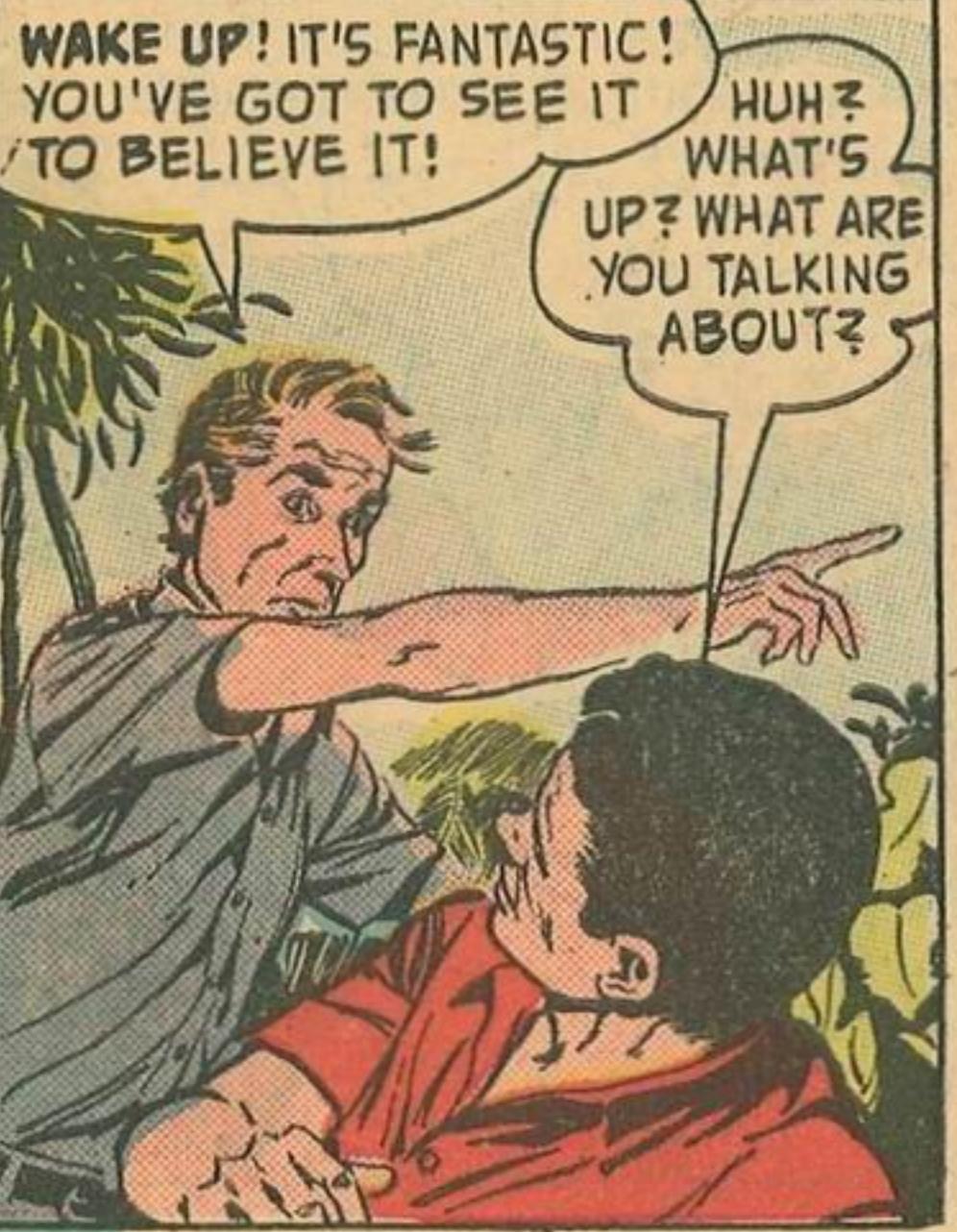
WHILE THE KUWANIS SLEPT, THE OLD MAN SAT RIGID THROUGH THE NIGHT...

I CAN'T FIGURE IT! HE'S GOT A SOFT DEAL AS THE BIG CHIEF AND WITCH DOCTOR! WONDER WHY HE'S TAKING SUCH A CHANCE?

MAYBE HE'S NOT TAKING A CHANCE! MAYBE HE KNOWS THAT THE TURTLES WILL APPEAR TOMORROW!



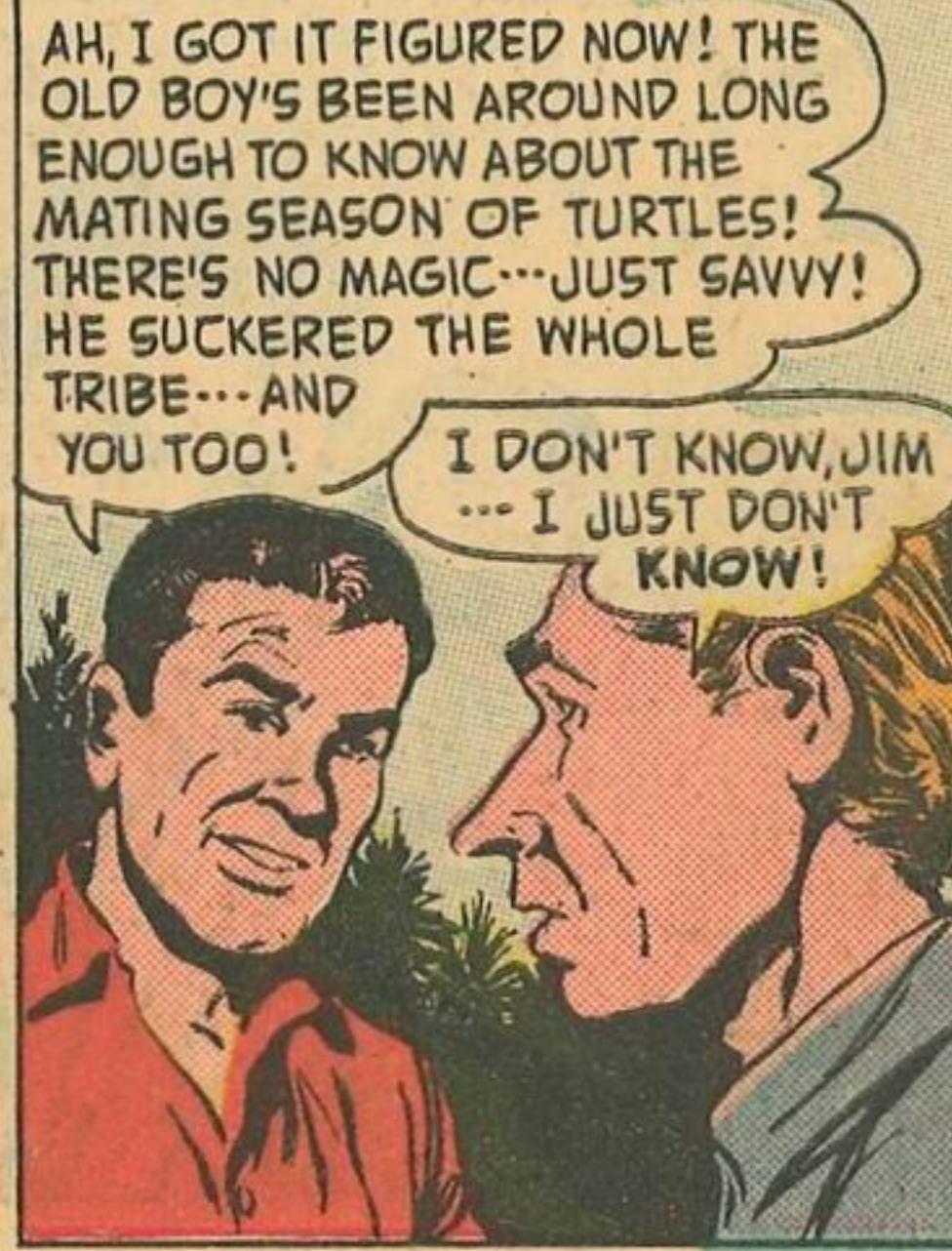
MAITLAND SLEPT PAST THE SUNRISE NEXT DAY! SIMPSON'S AMAZED SHOUTS WOKE HIM...



ISN'T IT INCREDIBLE? EVER SEE SO MANY TURTLES IN YOUR LIFE?



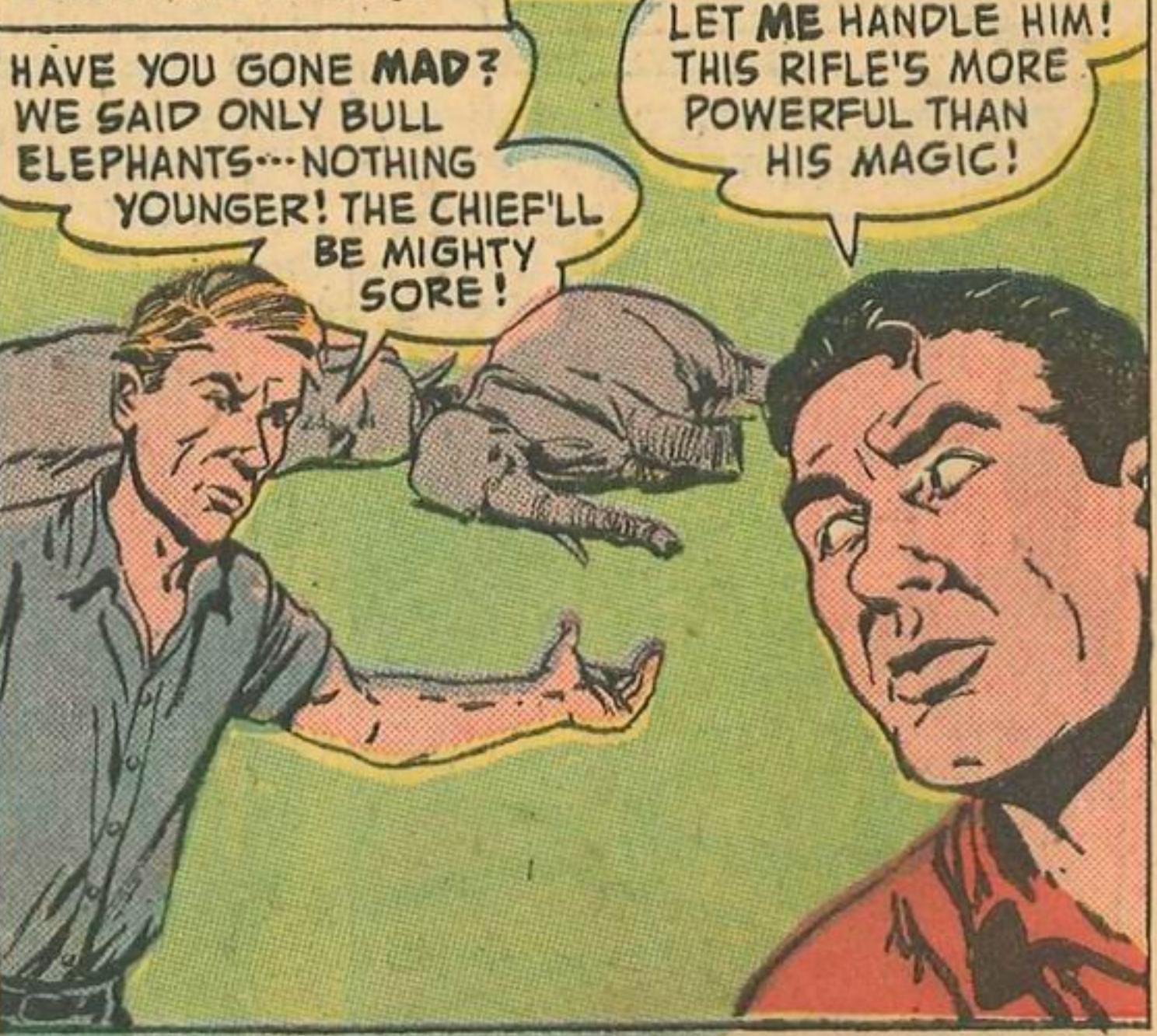
MAITLAND WAS SILENT AND DEEPLY DISTURBED ON THE TREK BACK TO THE VILLAGE! FINALLY...



NEXT DAY, THE ELEPHANT HUNTING BEGAN! A LARGE HERD WAS QUICKLY FOUND...



HEEDLESS OF THE AGREEMENT, MAITLAND SHOT DOWN EVERYTHING IN SIGHT...



YOU DO VERY BAD THING, BWANA! CHIEF HAVE MUCH ANGER!

YOU ALL BETTER KEEP YOUR TRAPS SHUT, IF YOU KNOW WHAT'S GOOD FOR YOU! PLAY BALL WITH ME AND THERE'LL BE PLENTY OF NICE GIFTS!

YOU'RE AN IDIOT, MAITLAND! THE CHIEF'S SURE TO FIND OUT!

OH, YEAH? WE'LL JUST STASH THE SMALL TUSKS WHERE HE CAN'T SEE THEM! THESE SAVAGES WON'T TALK ...THEY'RE SCARED OF ME!



FOR DAYS THE PITILESS SLAUGHTER WENT ON...

BEWARE, BWANA! BEWARE OF THE IVORY CURSE!

IVORY CURSE? WHAT'S THAT?



AT THE END OF EACH DAY'S HUNT, THE SMALL TUSKS WERE TAKEN TO A SECRET PLACE...

I DON'T LIKE THIS, MAITLAND! I KEEP HEARING THE NATIVES MUMBLING SOMETHING ABOUT AN IVORY CURSE! WHAT'S IT MEAN?

HOW SHOULD I KNOW? IT'S JUST MORE OF THEIR SUPERSTITION!



WHEN THEY RETURNED TO THE VILLAGE A DRUM WAS BEATING ...AND IT BEAT FAR INTO THE NIGHT...

I CAN'T SLEEP WITH THAT TOM-TOM POUNDING! WONDER WHAT'S UP?

SEVEN NATIVES HAVE COME DOWN WITH SOME KIND OF FEVER! THE CHIEF IS DOING HIS ACT...TRYING TO GAB WITH THE SPIRITS TO FIND OUT WHAT'S WRONG...

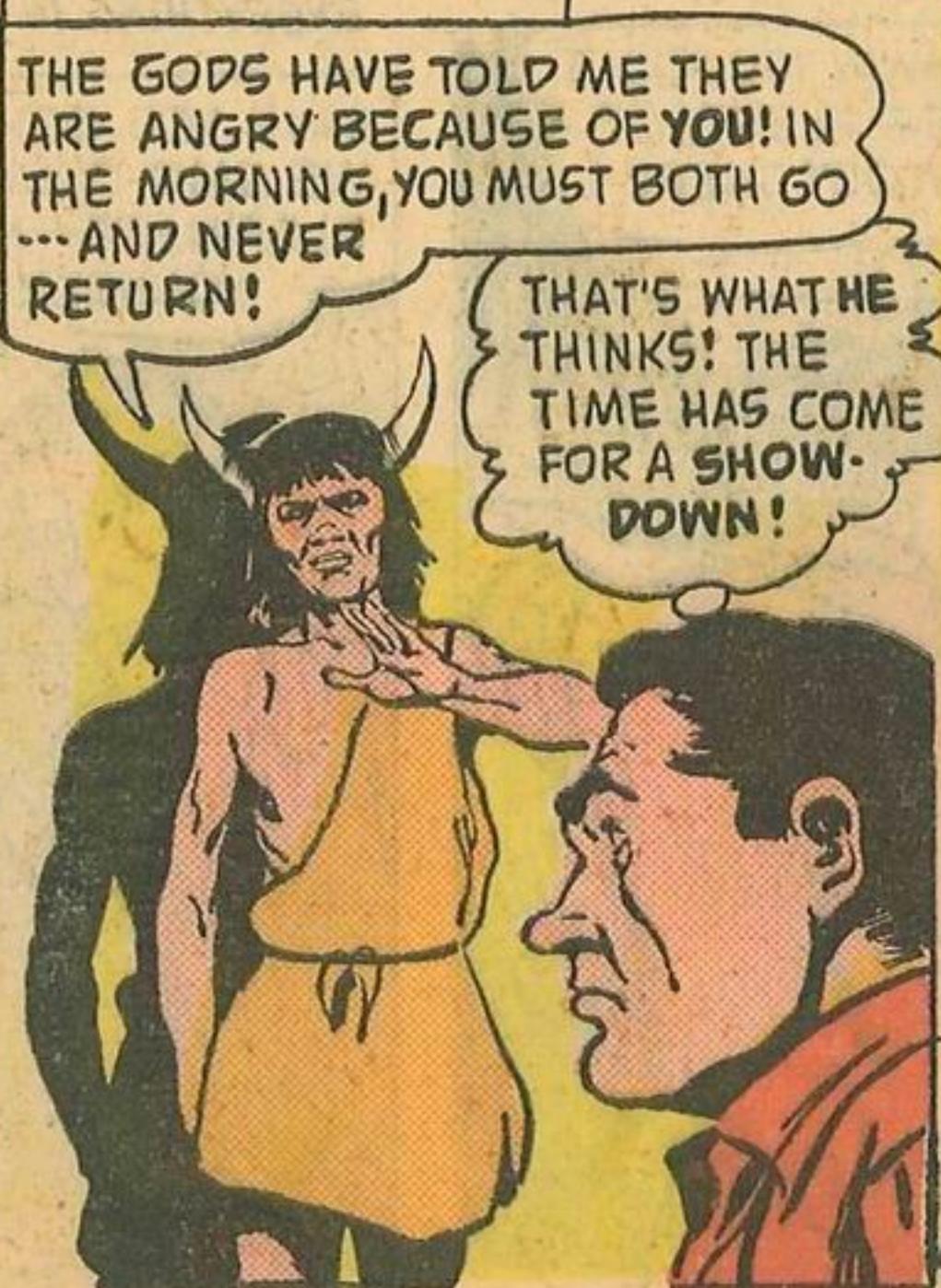
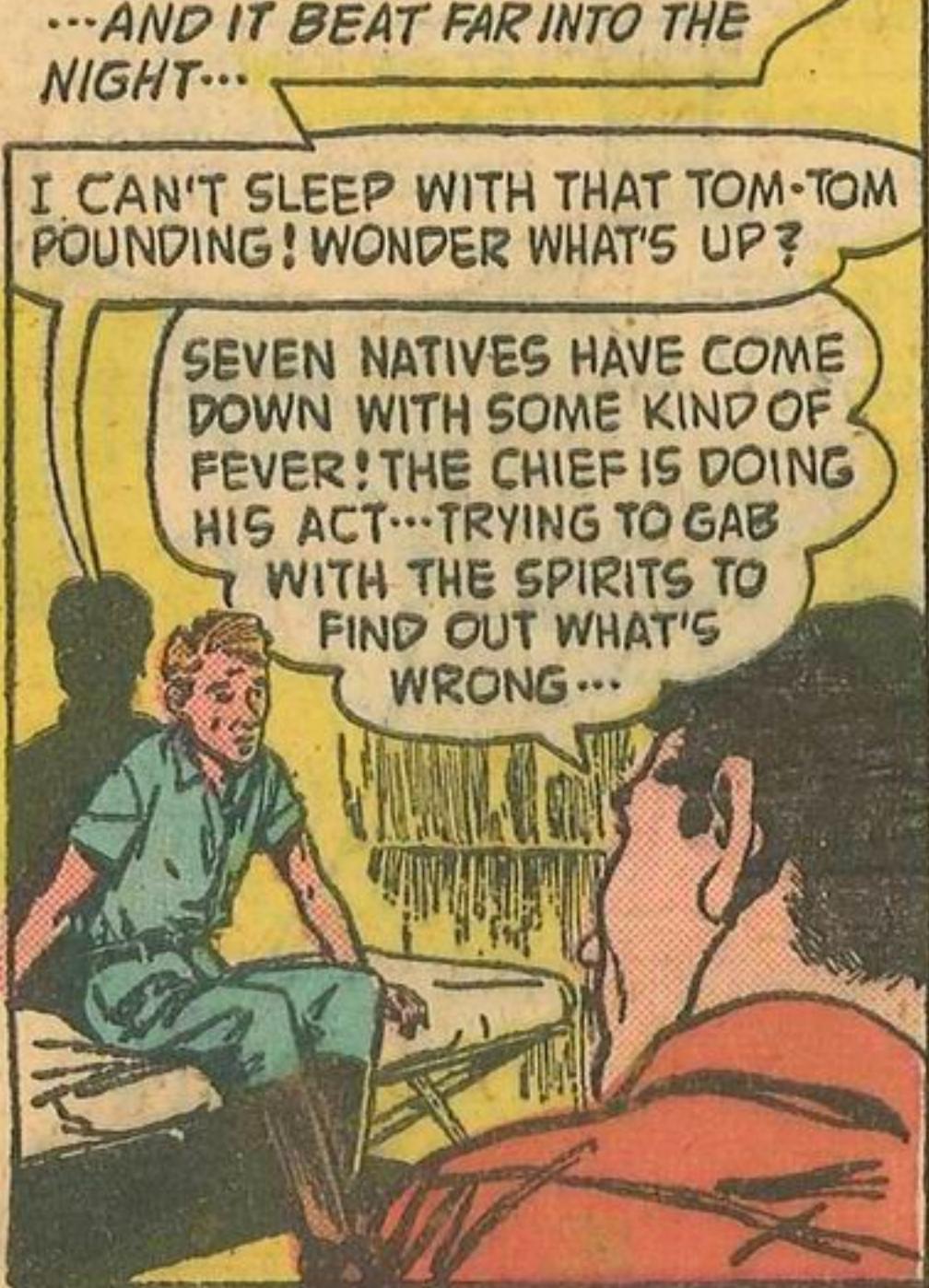
MOMENTS LATER, THE CHIEF HIMSELF ENTERED THEIR HUT...

THE GODS HAVE TOLD ME THEY ARE ANGRY BECAUSE OF YOU! IN THE MORNING, YOU MUST BOTH GO ...AND NEVER RETURN!

THAT'S WHAT HE THINKS! THE TIME HAS COME FOR A SHOW-DOWN!

WHAT DO YOU FIGURE ON DOING? WE CAN'T FIGHT THE WHOLE TRIBE!

WE WON'T HAVE TO! WHEN THEY COME FOR US, I'LL SCARE THE CHIEF! THAT'LL PROVE I'M STRONGER THAN HE IS ...AND THE SAVAGES WILL OBEY ME!



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SIMPSON PLEADED WITH HIM ALL NIGHT, TO NO AVAIL...

DON'T DO IT, PLEASE!
YOU'LL GET US BOTH
IN TROUBLE!

I KNOW WHAT I'M DOING!
SHUT UP AND FOLLOW
ORDERS! I'M IN
CHARGE!

AS HE RAISED HIS GUN...

TAKE HIS TOY
AWAY!

I'M THROUGH FOOLING
AROUND, CHIEF! WHAT
THE...! THE GUN'S
MELTING!

IT...IT'S IMPOSSIBLE!
HE COULDN'T HAVE
DONE IT!

BANISHMENT SHALL
NOW BE ONLY PART OF
YOUR PUNISHMENT! I
CALL DOWN THE IVORY
CURSE ON YOU! NOW
GO---AT ONCE!

I...I CAN'T BELIEVE IT!
THEY LET US GO! I THOUGHT
WE WERE GONERS FOR
SURE! SOMETHING MUST
HAVE GONE WRONG WITH
MY GUN!

SOMETHING'S PLENTY
WRONG...ALL AROUND!
WHAT DID HE MEAN BY
THE IVORY CURSE?
WHAT'S GOING TO
HAPPEN?

AT TOP SPEED THEY HURRIED
TOWARD THE COAST, FEARFUL
THAT THE NATIVES MIGHT YET
TRY TO OVERTAKE THEM!
SUDDENLY...

OH-HH! M-MY
MUSCLES...THEY
PAIN SOMETHING
AWFUL! THEY'RE
ALL CRAMPED!

PROBABLY JUST
CHARLEY HORSE
FROM ALL THIS
RUNNING! COME
ON, WE DON'T
DARE STOP
NOW!

THEY WERE LESS THAN SIX HOURS
FROM THE COAST WHEN...

N-NO! I...I MUST BE
DREAMING! SIMPSON,
LOOK AT ME! I'M
MORE THAN A HEAD
SHORTER THAN
YOU!

WHAT IN
THE...!
YOU...YOU'RE
RIGHT! BUT
THAT'S NOT
POSS...

WITHIN SECONDS, THE CHANGE
BECAME EVEN MORE PRONOUNCED!
MAITLAND SEEMED TO HAVE SHRUNK
IN SIZE, AND NOW---THE PROCESS
SPEEDED UP!

WH-WHAT'S HAPPENING
TO ME? OH, NO! THIS
IS SOME HORRIBLE
NIGHTMARE!

GREAT
GUNS! HE'S
SHRIVELING!

DO SOMETHING! PLEASE!
DON'T LET IT GO ON!
OHHHHH!

M-MERCIFUL HEAVENS!
HE'S NOW LESS THAN
TWO FEET TALL!

ON AND ON THE FANTASTIC PROCESS WENT, TILL
MAITLAND WAS ONLY FIVE INCHES HIGH! THEN,
ABRUPTLY...

IT...IT'S STOPPED!
MAITLAND, CAN YOU HEAR
ME? ARE YOU...ALL
RIGHT?

I...I DON'T
FEEL THE PAIN
ANY MORE...



FOR SEVERAL MINUTES MAITLAND WAS
UNABLE TO STAND UP! THEN HIS
STRENGTH RETURNED...BUT THE
ORDEAL LEFT HIM SHAKEN AND
TREMBLING...

THE IVORY CURSE...THIS IS WHAT
IT MUST BE! WE'VE GOT TO GO
BACK...BEG THE
CHIEF TO RELENT!

NO! THEY'D
EXECUTE US ON
SIGHT! WE'VE GOT
TO GET TO CIVILI-
ZATION FAST...
MODERN DOCTORS
WILL KNOW HOW
TO HANDLE
THIS!

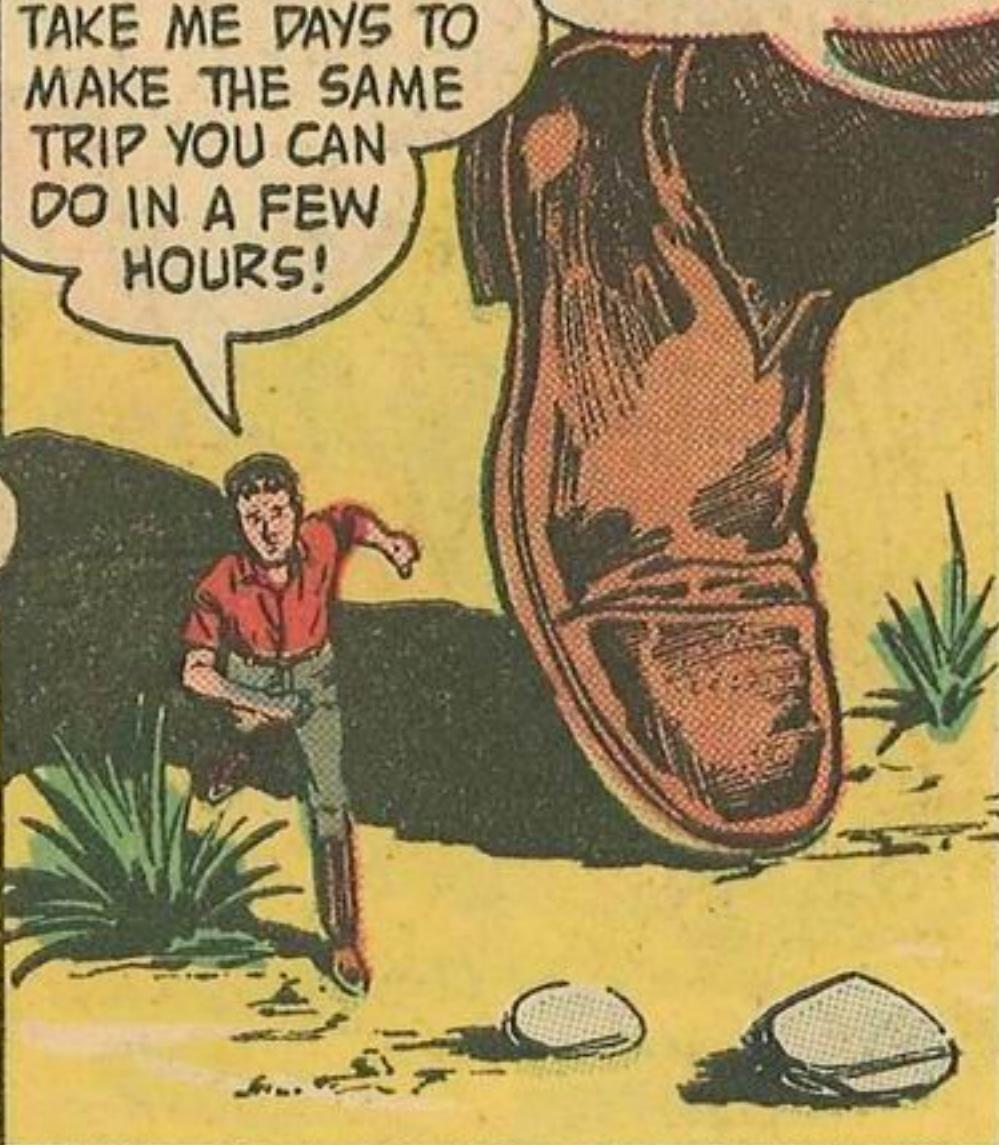
OVERCOME WITH FEAR AND DREAD,
THEY STUMBBLED ON TOWARD THE
COAST...

I...I CAN'T KEEP
UP WITH YOU! IT'D
TAKE ME DAYS TO
MAKE THE SAME
TRIP YOU CAN
DO IN A FEW
HOURS!

I'LL CARRY YOU!
I CAN SLIP YOU
INTO MY POCKET!

EASY, YOU FOOL!
YOU'RE BREAKING
MY RIBS!

SORRY! I...
I DIDN'T
REALIZE
HOW FRAGILE
YOU ARE!



MAYBE THE CURSE WILL
ONLY LAST FOR A SHORT
TIME! HOW DO YOU
FEEL?

HOW DO YOU THINK?
DO YOU HAVE TO BOUNCE
SO MUCH WHEN YOU
RUN? YOU'RE SHAKING
ME SILLY!

SOON AFTERWARDS...

THE BOAT REALLY NEEDS
TWO MEN TO HANDLE IT!
IT'LL BE ROUGH SAILING
HER TO CAPETOWN
ALONE!

HE'S COMPLAINING!
IF ONLY I COULD
BUST HIM ONE
IN THE JAW!



IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS, MAITLAND NEARLY WENT BERSERK! THE ENORMITY OF FAMILIAR OBJECTS FRUSTRATED HIM BEYOND ENDURANCE...

GETTING UP STAIRS IS LIKE MOUNTAIN CLIMBING!

HOW AM I GOING TO CUT THE STEAK SMALL ENOUGH TO EAT?

I'M DYING FOR A SMOKE, BUT IT'S IMPOSSIBLE!

ABLE TO SLEEP FOR ONLY SHORT STRETCHES, SIMPSON WAS GROGGY WHEN THE STORM HIT...

THE WHEEL IS PULLING OUT OF MY HAND! MY STRENGTH'S ALMOST GONE!

HOLD IT STEADY, YOU SAP! YOU WANT TO GET US BOTH DROWNED?

SUDDENLY, A WAVE WASHED OVER THE DECK...

AIEEE!
HELP!
SAVE
ME!

GREAT GUNS!
HE'S BEING SWEPT OVERBOARD!

THE LITTLE MAN WAS SWIFTLY CARRIED AWAY! HIS SMALL VOICE BARELY CARRIED IN THE HOWLING WIND...

THROW ME A LIFE PRESERVER---A BOTTLE ---ANYTHING! QUICK, I'M...

MAITLAND'S SMALL HANDS WERE UNABLE TO GRASP THE SMOOTH LIFE PRESERVER, WHICH LOOMED MONSTROUSLY LARGE! IT WAS THE BOTTLE WHICH SAVED HIM...

SIMPSON CAN'T MANEUVER THE BOAT TOWARD ME IN THIS STORM---I'M BEING CARRIED FURTHER AWAY! MY ARMS ARE TIRED ALREADY... HOW LONG CAN I HANG ON?

THROUGH ALL OF THE HARROWING NIGHT HE CLUNG, MUSCLES CRAMPING! IN THE MORNING THE SEA WAS CALM, BUT DANGERS LURKED EVERYWHERE...

THOSE FLYING FISH--- THEY SEEM BIG AS SHARKS! I---I'M ABOUT PLAYED OUT---

HE WAS MORE DEAD THAN ALIVE WHEN THE BOAT APPEARED...

THANK HEAVENS I FOUND YOU! I'VE BEEN SEARCHING FOR HOURS!

G-GOOD OLD SIMPSON---I ---I KNEW HE WOULDN'T LET ME DOWN...

IN THE FOLLOWING DAYS, MAITLAND SPENT MUCH TIME LYING ON THE DECK IN THE SUN RECOVERING HIS STRENGTH, AND HE HAD PLENTY OF TIME TO THINK...

I NEVER THOUGHT MUCH ABOUT WHAT IT'S LIKE TO BE THE UNDER-DOG! ALL MY LIFE I'VE BEEN BIG AND STRONG, ALWAYS COULD PUSH SMALLER PEOPLE AROUND! THE SHOE'S ON THE OTHER FOOT NOW, AND...OH, NO! NO!



THE SEA GULL LOOMED LIKE A
GIGANTIC PREHISTORIC BIRD!
HIS SMALL, SCURRYING LEGS
BARELY CARRIED HIM TO
SAFETY...

IT ALMOST
GOT ME! I...
I CAN'T GO
ON LIKE
THIS!



FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE CHILDHOOD, MAITLAND WEPT! GREAT SOBS BROKE FROM HIM...

I... I'M BEING PUNISHED---AND
I DESERVE IT! I'VE DONE NOTHING
BUT EVIL ALL MY LIFE---AND NOW
I'M PAYING!



WITH CAPE TOWN IN SIGHT...

WE'VE GOT TO GET YOU TO A DOCTOR
THE MOMENT WE LAND! DON'T WORRY,
JIM... THERE'S GOT TO BE SOMETHING
THEY CAN DO!

DOCTORS CAN'T HELP
ME! I KNOW THAT NOW!
ALL I CAN DO IS PRAY THAT
THE CURSE BE LIFTED! I
WANT YOU TO SMUGGLE
ME INTO A HOTEL...
NOBODY MUST KNOW
WHAT'S HAPPENED
TO ME!



IN THE CAPE TOWN HOTEL MAITLAND
FELL INTO A FEVER! HIS EYES BURNED,
HE RAVED...

PLEASE LET ME CALL
A DOCTOR... YOU'RE
BURNING UP!

NO! NO
DOCTOR! AIEEEEE!
CAN'T YOU SEE
HIM? THERE
HE IS! TAKE
HIM AWAY!



SIMPSON COULD NOT SEE THE
APPARITION WHICH HAD SUDDENLY
APPEARED, BUT HE KNEW SOME-
THING FANTASTIC WAS HAPPENING.

THE IVORY CURSE IS ABOUT TO
BE LIFTED, SOONER THAN I HAD
EXPECTED! REPENT, EVIL ONE
---FOR ALL YOUR WRONGDOING!



AT THE INSTANT THE VISION
VANISHED...

MERCIFUL HEAVENS!

BACK TO
NORMAL
SIZE!

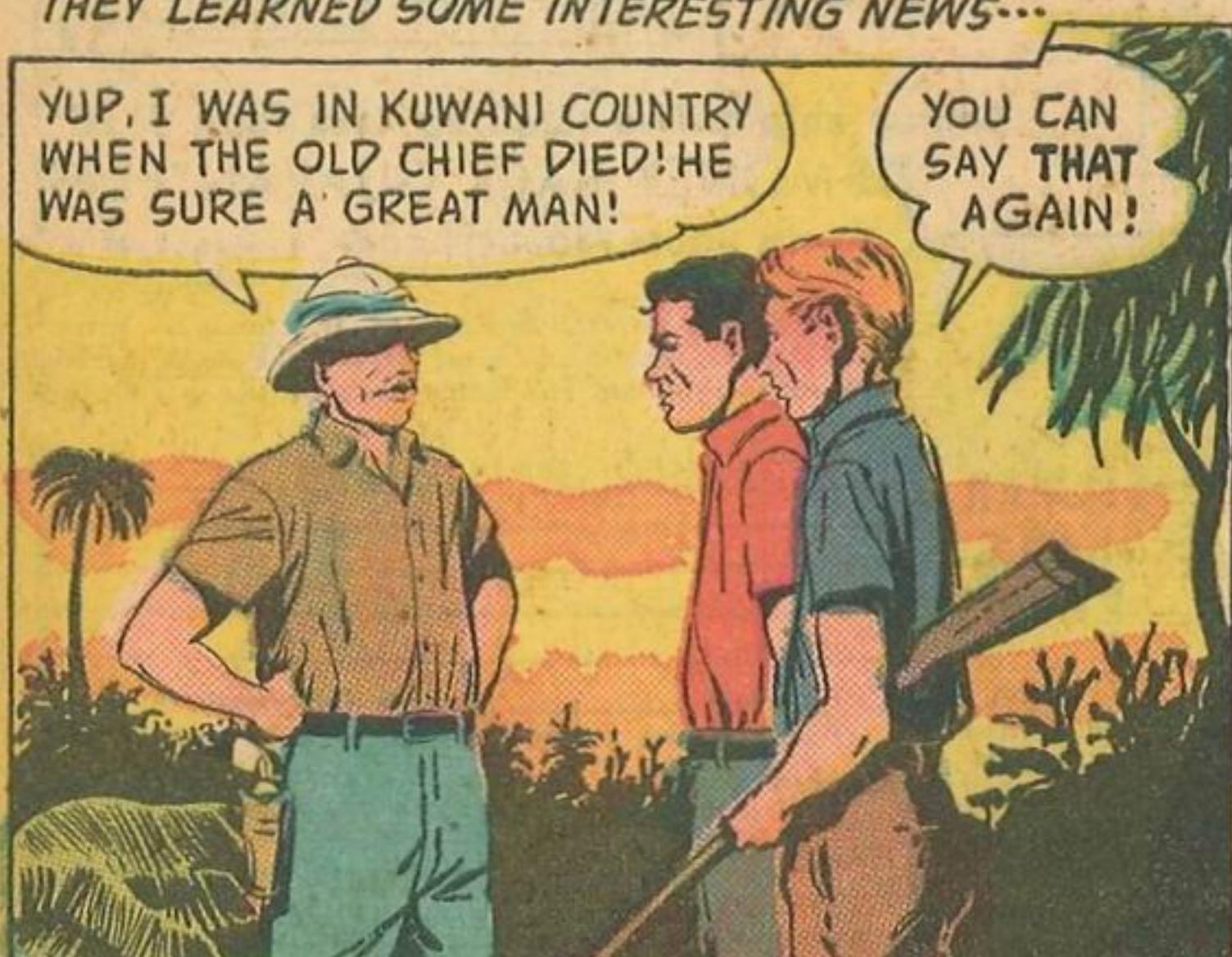
IT'S OVER! I'VE
PAID FOR MY
CRIMES! OHHH...
IT'S LIKE EVERY-
THING INSIDE ME
IS EXPLODING!



MAITLAND AND SIMPSON WENT BACK TO THEIR WORK,
BUT THINGS WERE DIFFERENT NOW---FOR MAITLAND
WAS A CHANGED HUMAN BEING! ON THEIR TRAVELS
THEY LEARNED SOME INTERESTING NEWS...

YUP, I WAS IN KUWANI COUNTRY
WHEN THE OLD CHIEF DIED! HE
WAS SURE A GREAT MAN!

YOU CAN
SAY THAT
AGAIN!



MAITLAND WAS STILL A FINE HUNTER, BUT NOW HE
RESPECTED THE GAME LAWS, AND THE RIGHTS OF
OTHERS...

I THINK I UNDERSTAND WHAT
HAPPENED, JIM! WHEN THE
OLD CHIEF DIED, THE IVORY
CURSE WAS AUTOMATICALLY
LIFTED!

THAT'S WHAT I THINK!
IF THAT HADN'T
HAPPENED, WHO KNOWS
HOW LONG I'D HAVE
STAYED FIVE INCHES
HIGH? ALL I CAN DO
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MAKE SURE
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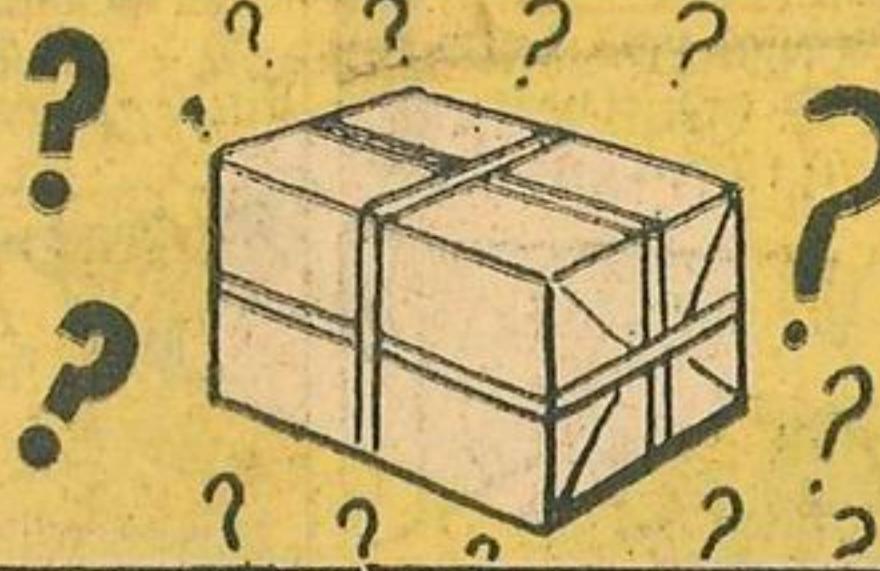
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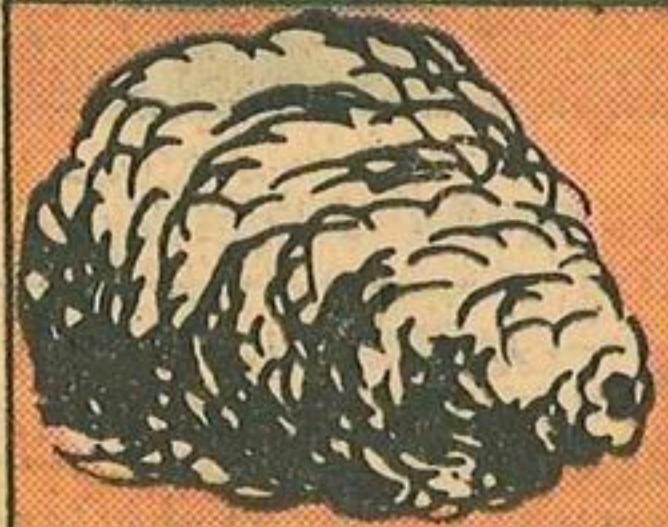


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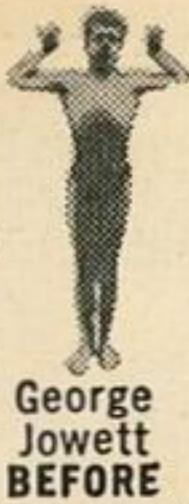
SILVER SKULL RING

Heavy Mexican silver ring with the raised face of skull and inlaid red ruby eyes. Feels good and looks really impressive. Adds heft to your hands.

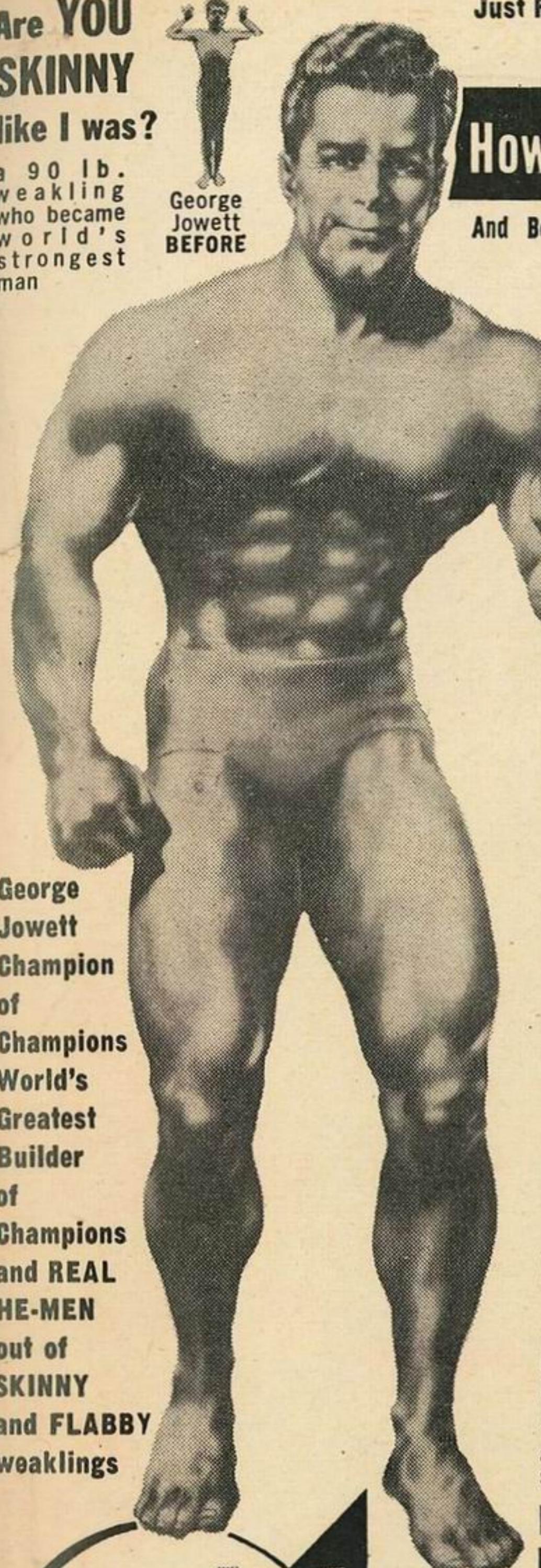
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like I was?

a 90 lb.
weakling
who became
world's
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man



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